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GREATER
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1988

Newsletter

March

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Next Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Greater New Orleans Archivists will be held on Tuesday, March 29, beginning at 6:00 PM in Room 215 of Miller Hall at Loyola University. Highlighting the meeting will be a panel discussion, chaired by Bill Meneray, of Bruce Dearstyne's article, "What is the Use of archives? A challenge for the profession" (American Archivist, 50 [Winter, 1987], 76-87). We feel that this discussion will prove to be very stimulating--we urge you all to attend and we suggest that you plan to stay a bit longer than usual.

If you would like to park on the Loyola campus for this meeting it is imperative that you have a parking permit. Call Mark Flynn (865-3346) for more information.

Fall Meeting

The Fall meeting was held at the new home of the Amistad Research Center on the Tulane University campus. In addition to the regular refreshments and fraternizing, President Ralph Draughon appointed a Program Committee composed of Bill Meneray (Chair), Wayne Everard, Lester Sullivan, Mark Flynn, Clive Hardy, and Alfred Lemmon. The Committee is to plan for programming at the regular meetings of the Greater New Orleans Archivists. It is especially hoped that we may be able to prevail upon visiting colleagues to address the membership when their presence in the Crescent City happens to coincide with our meeting date.

Business Meeting

Our annual business meeting was held on December 17 at the Milton H. Latter Memorial Library. The nominating committee's proposal was accepted and the following officers were elected to serve in 1988:

President: Kennon Garofalo, University Archivist, Tulane University;
Treasurer: Mary L. LeBlanc, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Tulane University;
Secretary/Newsletter editor: Wayne Everard, Louisiana Division, New Orleans Public Library.

On behalf of the Program Committee, Bill Meneray suggested that the Spring, 1988 meeting include a discussion of Bruce Dearstyne's article, "What is the Use of archives? A challenge for the profession" (American Archivist, 50 [Winter, 1987], 76-87). That suggestion met with unanimous agreement.

Dues

1988 dues (\$5.00) are payable now to Mary L. LeBlanc, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans, La., 70118. This money helps to pay for the good food and drink that we enjoy at our meetings, so lets keep the GNOA in the black!

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Louisiana Historical Center

Katherine Page is the Center's new Map Librarian/Archivist. Katherine is a recent graduate of the University of New Orleans Archives Administration Program within the History Department.

University of New Orleans

New accessions:

Sisters of the Holy Family, ca. 1892-1987

Records from the in-house collection of a New Orleans black religious order, including xerographs, and copy negatives and prints of photographs as well as pamphlets issued by the community. 1 box.

Henry Conrad Brote Collection, ca. 1920's-1960's

Records of a merchant marine captain based in New Orleans, includes miscellaneous manuscripts and ship logs of voyages from the Crescent City to Central and South America. 7 lin. ft.

Kay Coffey Collection, ca. 1960's-1980's

Miscellany, including periodicals, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, minutes of meetings produced and/or acquired by Mrs. Coffey as a board member of the National Association for Gifted Children and founder-member of the Association for Gifted and Talented Students. 40 lin. ft.

Judge John Minor Wisdom Collection, 1870-1987

Carnival memorabilia consisting principally of ball invitations, admit cards, dance cards, newspaper Carnival editions, souvenir booklets, and ball programs. Also included are items from the Young Men's Gymnastic Association, n.d. 3 lin. ft.

Exhibits:

An exhibition on the history of the department is currently being planned. Included in the display will be samples of less conventional media such as audio and videotape cassettes, reel-to-reel films, and posters. ... An exhibit on the history of the University in honor of the inauguration of Chancellor O'Brien, March, UNO Library, 4th floor.

Staff changes:

Pat Italiano, professional photographer and UNO graduate, succeeds Mike Ryan as photographer for the Supreme Court of Louisiana legal archives project.

Other news:

The NEH grant to preserve the Supreme Court of Louisiana legal archives, 1985-1987, has been extended for another year.

The Historic New Orleans Collection

New accessions:

Letters to New Orleanians

Includes letters from Andrew Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, William Tecumseh Sherman, Benjamin Harrison, and Thomas A. Edison. 136 items.

Daybook of Alexander Miller

A carpenter-builder of Natchez.

Butler Family Papers (addition), 1787-1950

125 items.

Petition in Bankruptcy of Benjamin H. Latrobe, 1817.

Report of Juan de Castenado, 1801.

Cammie Henry Papers (addition), 1927-1945
461 items

Manuscript map of New Orleans, 1804
By Joseph Vinache, presented to Citizen Laussat.

Les Cenelles

Manuscript of a poem by William Faulkner, inscribed by him to Harold Levy.

Events and exhibits:

The Collection was host at receptions for the Southern Historical Association and the Southern Association of Women Historians. An exhibit on Louisiana women was assembled for the occasion.

Publications:

Manuscripts Division Update, volume 6, appeared in October, 1987.

Staff changes:

Laurie DeMarco, of Amherst College in Massachusetts, has been serving as an intern in the Manuscripts Division.

New Orleans Public Library

New accessions:

L'Union Francaise Collection, 1872-1954
Manuscript minute books of one of the oldest French cultural organizations in the city. 7 volumes.

Civil Courts Collection (addition), ca. 1900-1909
Original suit records ca. #60,000-80,000. Will be available following completion of arrangement and inventory by the Mormon microfilming volunteer staff. ca. 100 cu. ft.

City Planning Commission Records (addition), 1975
Planning and zoning minute books. 8 volumes.

City Council Videotapes (addition),
Videocassette recordings of City Council meetings. 97 cassettes.

City Council District "E" Councilmen's Papers, 1966-1987
Correspondence and subject files covering the terms of office of Philip C. Ciaccio and Wayne M. Babovich, as well as interim councilmen Howard Fred Beck and Ulysses Williams. 3 1/3 cu. ft.

Coroner's Office Autopsy Records (addition), 1977-1978
ca. 8 cu. ft.

Volunteers in Government of Responsibility (VIGOR) Records, ca.
1970-1986

Correspondence, subject files, and program records of city
government's volunteer coordinating agency. 4 cu. ft.

Exhibits:

On exhibit through March is the 1988 Louisiana Division Carnival display. This year's theme is "Glimpses of Carnivals Past -- New Orleans Celebrates in 1888, 1913, 1938, and 1963." The display includes manuscripts, photographs, invitations, programs, dance programs, and other material, including original sketches for the 1913 Mistick Krewe of Comus parade floats.

OTHER NEWS

New Archivist of the United States

Don W. Wilson was sworn in as the seventh Archivist of the United States in ceremonies at Washington, D.C. on December 4, 1987. Prior to his appointment Wilson had served as Director of the Gerald Ford Library and Museum since 1981. Before the Ford position he worked at the Kansas State Historical Society (1967-1969) and the Eisenhower Library (1969-1978), and served as Associate Director of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin from 1978-1981. Dr. Wilson is a graduate of Washburn University (Topeka, Kansas) and received his master's and doctoral degrees in History from the University of Cincinnati.

Conservation Meeting in New Orleans

The 16th annual meeting of The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works will be held in New Orleans at the Hyatt Regency Hotel June 1-5, 1988. General sessions will include the reading of fourteen papers along with "update" presentations on new techniques and concepts. There will also be specialty group sessions covering specialized topics in the areas of objects, photographic materials, paintings, wood artifacts, textiles, and books & paper. Among the papers to be presented at the book & paper specialty group session are: "Evidence for multiple causes of foxing in paper;" "Alternative to fumigation: a review of techniques for the treatment of mold growth;" "Thomas Jefferson Collection at the Library of Congress--an Eighteenth-Century library preserved;" and "Chicago Historical Society disaster."

Beginning on May 31 AIC also offers a pre-session workshop on conservation surveys for an additional fee. The opening reception at the New Orleans Museum of Art and the AIC annual banquet will highlight the social aspect of the gathering. Full conference registration fees range from \$75 (for students) to \$225 (for non-members "at the door"), with discounts for early bird and advance reservations. Single day registration is \$50 (\$25 for students). For further information write to: AIC, P.O. Box 11502, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Upcoming Meetings

The annual Friends of the Archives of Louisiana meeting of archivists will be held at the Hill Memorial Library at LSU in Baton Rouge on April 8.

The annual meeting of the Southeast Archivists' Conference will take place in Oxford, Mississippi, May 17-19.

Fort Worth, Texas will be the site of this year's meeting of the Society of Southwest Archivists, May 18-20.

New Orleans will host the 1988 meeting of the American Library Association from July 9 through July 14.

This year's meeting of the Society of American Archivists will take place September 29-October 2 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Association of Records Managers and Administrators will hold its 1989 annual meeting in New Orleans.

New Archival Journal

Archives and Museum Informatics, a research and consulting firm headed by David Bearman, formerly of the Smithsonian Institution, began publication in Spring, 1987, of a two-part quarterly journal, Archival Informatics Newsletter and Technical Report. The Newsletter contains updates on uses of automated techniques in archival repositories and museums, on dealing with automated records, and on collecting software as an artifact. Each Technical Report is a monographic assessment of a particular technology and the opportunities it presents to archives and museum management. Reports for 1987 concern optical media, software collections, management software, and artificial intelligence. For further information contact Bearman at AMI, 5600 Northumberland St., Pittsburgh, PA, 15217.