



ROBERT M. WARNER APPOINTED ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES

On May 16 Admiral Rowland G. Freeman, administrator of the General Services Administration, appointed Robert M. Warner as the Sixth Archivist of the United States. He will begin his new duties July 15.

Warner, director of the Michigan Historical Collections since 1966, began his professional career as Assistant in Research at the MHC in 1953, performing the duties of the manuscripts curator. In 1957, he began a four-year term as Field Representative. In 1961, he became Assistant Director, a position he held until assuming the directorship in 1966. Warner comments, "It is a big step from the sorting room in the Rackham Building to the Archivist of the United States."

As director of the MHC, Warner built the Bentley Historical Library, and expanded the professional staff to include the reference archivist, photographic curator, and conservator. A new program in records management and a two-year masters program in archival management have been launched. Warner also participated in the negotiations for the Gerald R. Ford presidential library.

Robert Mark Warner was born in Montrose, Colorado in 1927. He graduated from Muskingum College in Ohio with a degree in history in 1949. After service in the United States Army in Germany, he went to graduate school at the University of Michigan, receiving a MA in 1952 and a Ph.D. in 1958. His dissertation was a biography of Michigan Governor Chase S. Osborn, investigating Osborn's relationship to the nation-wide Progressive Movement in the early twentieth century.

He is well-known to Michigan archivists through the volume Modern Manuscript Library written in 1966 with Ruth Bordin, the Guide to Manuscripts in the Michigan Historical Collections, 1963, and his many activities in the Society of American Archivists, the Historical Society of Michigan and the Michigan Archival Association.

Warner said, "I am looking forward to new challenges as Archivist of the United States. But I have mixed feelings. My professional archival career has been entirely in Michigan. I found Michigan archivists to be an extremely congenial and interesting group of people to work with, and these associations are very important to me. I hope we can continue them even though distance will separate us."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The 1980 Michigan Archival Association Nominating Committee has nominated Pat Hudson, Archivist of the Monroe County Historical Commission, for president of the MAA for the 1980-1982 term. Nominated for the two Executive Committee positions, 1980-1983, are Sister Mary Lucy McDonald, Provincial Archivist, Sisters of Mercy Provincialate, and Larry Massie, Assistant Director, Regional History Collection, Western Michigan University. Members may place other nominations before the memberships at the spring meeting.

The nominating committee included Martin McLaughlin, State Archives, Theresa Spence, Michigan Technological University, and Mildred Hilton, Burton Historical Collection.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR

The Historical Society of Michigan has announced the appointment of Thomas L. Jones as the new executive director for the Society.

"We are pleased that Jones has accepted our invitation to be the executive director," said William S. Schindler, president of the Society's board of trustees. "He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge about state and local history to the Society having served as public information director for the Detroit Historical Department and lecturer on local history at the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Marygrove College and Wayne County Community College." Previous to this work, Jones was heritage coordinator for the Detroit Bicentennial observance and research assistant at the Michigan Historical Collections at the University of Michigan.

Former executive director Frank C. Wilhelme resigned to accept the position of director of business school funds and alumni relations for the Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Michigan.

"We will miss Frank," added Schindler. "During his nearly nine years as director, the Society realized a sizeable increase in programs, services and membership."

"I am very excited about the challenge offered to me in directing the Historical Society of Michigan," Jones said. "This society has had a long and dedicated tradition of preserving the heritage of this state and I am looking forward to carrying on this exciting and valuable work. I am also looking forward to the opportunity of visiting the local societies and museums throughout the state."

Jones is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan and a graduate of the University of Detroit. He is married and the father of two daughters.

A non-profit organization, the Historical Society of Michigan promotes the preservation of state and local history throughout Michigan. It is supported by more than 6,000 members. It serves as a major clearinghouse for information to assist more than 270 local historical and preservation organizations in Michigan.

FORD ARCHIVES MOVES TO LOVETT HALL

The Ford Archives at Henry Ford Museum is being moved into modern facilities at the Museum's Lovett Hall, according to Archives' director Douglas Bakken.

The Ford Archives is the single largest business or industrial archives in North America. It is a valuable resource for scholars, journalists and automobile enthusiasts and restorers.

The Archives was founded in 1951 by Ford Motor Company to preserve its records and to present a comprehensive history of the company and the automobile industry to the general public. The Archives was originally housed in Ford's Fair Lane mansion in Dearborn and then moved to the old Ford Rotunda exhibition building. In 1965, Ford Motor Company donated the Archives to the Edison Institute, the corporate name for Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. The Institute is not connected to Ford Motor Company or the Ford Foundation.

The Archives contains the complete papers of Henry and Clara Ford including everything from gas bills and menus to personal diaries and family deeds. It contains the complete records of the Ford Motor Company from 1903 to 1950 including reports, memos and plans from finance, public relations, engineering, plant expansion and sales. These records offer a comprehensive view of the growth of the automobile industry in Detroit.

Printed material on Ford products from 1903 to the present includes advertisements, owners manuals, factory

letters and promotional brochures.

Over 400,000 negatives, glass slides and prints document the Ford Motor Company history and the life of Henry Ford.

In the 1950's, Owen Bombard conducted 300 oral history interviews with people connected with Ford or important Ford Motor Company projects.

Moving these massive holdings has been a major Museum project. A generous grant of several hundred thousand dollars from the Ford Motor Company Fund made the new facility possible.

The new Archives will offer users the latest in research convenience. The storage area is three times larger than the space in the Museum. The stack area of 30,000 cubic feet is one of the largest non-governmental archives stack areas in the country with two floors of steel shelving. The special air-conditioned environment will provide for long term preservation of company records.

In addition to the expanded storage area, the new facility will provide more room for staff and visitors including a special lobby and welcoming area, a reading room and a processing area.

The Archives is open to anyone with a legitimate education or journalistic interest. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Persons planning to visit are encouraged to write ahead to identify themselves and the purpose of their visit so that the staff can assemble material.

NHPRC GRANTS ANNOUNCED

During its late February meeting, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission recommended \$520,734 for 28 historical records projects in 15 states. Records program grants were awarded for the first time to applicants from

Colorado and Maine, increasing to 47 the number of states which have received historical records program funding.

The Commission will meet next on June 12-13. The next deadline for records grant applications is June 1 for consideration at the October meeting. Records grants recommended at the February meeting included a grant of \$8,844 to the Bayliss Public Library, Sault Ste. Marie, to arrange and describe archival materials relating to shipping, mining, fishing and the fur trade in the Great Lakes region during the nineteenth century and the involvement of Indians in these industries.

BUSINESS ARCHIVES WORKSHOP FACULTY SET

The Society of American Archivists' Fourth Business Archives Workshop, "Business Archives: The Basics and Beyond," will take place August 18-22 at the Ford Archives and the historic Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan.

The workshop is divided into two courses: a three-day "Basic Archival Procedures" course (August 18-20) and a two-day "Selected Topics in Business Archives" course (August 21-22). Individuals may register for the entire five-day course, or either the three-day or two-day course only. The registration fee for the entire workshop is \$250; for the three-day course only, the fee is \$180 and for the two-day course, the fee is \$95. Room and board are extra.

The three-day basic course will be taught by Douglas Bakken, Ford Archives, and Edie Hedlin, NHPRC, who have taught the three previous basic courses as well. They will use case studies, slide presentations, practicals, and lectures to cover the basic archival functions as they relate to business archives.

The two-day selected topics course deals with subjects of special interest to business archivists. Access and Legal Issues will be taught by Philip
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MANUSCRIPT AND ARCHIVAL GUIDES IN MICHIGAN
A REVIEW ARTICLE

Tim Wehrkamp

Manuscript and archival guides are published to acquaint researchers with the holdings of a particular library. A good guide is characterized by main entries and titles for each collection, concise content description and interpretive notes, appropriate biographical or administrative history summaries, an index giving access to important items, correspondents, and subjects, and a history of the collecting institution coupled with an outline of established rules and regulations governing research of materials. Some guides refer to related collections within and outside a particular repository; others indicate items and collections that have been either published or heavily researched. Guides entail a lot of work, and are usually years in preparation.

Howard Peckham's Guide to the Manuscript Collections in the William L. Clements Library (1942) was among the first of its kind in Michigan. It has since been updated and revised by William S. Ewing (2d ed., 1953), Christian Bruns (1959, to include manuscripts maps only), and Arlene Shy and Barbara Mitchell (3d ed., 1978). This latest guide continues the impressive work of its predecessors in detailing the Clements' rich store of personal papers and collections pertaining to a wide range of themes in American history. It reflects generally accurate manuscript cataloguing, brief but essential collection scope and content notes, concise collection biographies, and thorough indexing of "writers and signers of manuscripts." The third edition does not provide much information on the history of the Clements Library, although previous guides have; nor does it include a full statement of rules governing research of Clements materials. As reflected in this and previous guides, there is some evidence of imprecision in the establishment of main entries for "subject" and corporate collections. This problem is compounded by the exclusion of anything other than personal names from the index. Consequently, a researcher seeking information, say, the Liberty and Free Soil parties gains access to relevant Clements collections only by knowing names of individuals involved with those organizations. On balance, the third Clements manuscript guide is thorough and well written, but its usefulness depends upon the researcher's background and expertise.

Warner Pflug's A Guide to the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs (1974) provides a solid introduction to primary research materials in the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. It covers several types of collections, including labor organization archives (the United Auto Workers, the American Federation of Teachers, among others), personal papers, and oral history transcripts. This guide reveals precise entry cataloguing, adequate collection scope and content notes, thorough indexing of subjects, correspondents, and organizations, and a brief history of the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs. It also includes entry and descriptive information on unprocessed collections, which is an added benefit for labor historians. Regulations governing use of the collections and research hours are set forth in the preliminary pages. Pflug's guide is well organized and presented, in all particulars.

Two major Michigan manuscript guides appeared in 1976. The first was A Guide to Manuscripts in the Bentley Historical Library, compiled by Thomas E. Powers and

3. Powers, Thomas E. and William H. McNitt. Guide to Manuscripts in the Bentley Historical Library (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan, 1976) vii, 392 p.
4. Honhart, Frederick L. et al., eds. A Guide to the Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections (East Lansing: Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections, 1976) vii, 195 p.
5. Browne, Valerie Gerrard and David Jerome Johnson. A Guide to the State Archives of Michigan: State Records (Lansing: Michigan History Division, Michigan Department of State, 1977) xx, 401 p.

BUSINESS ARCHIVES WORKSHOP (cont)

Money, Coca-Cola Archives. Linda Edgerly, business archives consultant, will teach a one-half day session on Marketing Your Business Archives. Margery Long, Wayne State University, will discuss Photographs in the Business Archives and Maynard Brichford, University of Illinois-Urbana, will lead a discussion of Records Management and Business Archives. Finally, Thomas Holleman and James Gallagher of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls will teach a session on How to Write a Corporate History.

For a descriptive brochure and registration form, write Deborah Risteen at SAA headquarters.

the research paper, and deals with ethical and legal matters.

BOOK NOTES***BOOK NOTES***BOOK NOTES

The Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee announces a free brochure of interest to archivists, entitled Listing of Archival Supplies and Services. Compiled by Michael Kohl of the Historical Awareness and Assistance Project, the 11 page booklet includes a glossary of archival supplies, a list of commonly used supplies and services and the companies which supply them.

Copies may be requested from Mr. Kohl, Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee, 814 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233.

NEW MANUAL FOR ORAL HISTORY

Hoopes, James, Oral History: An Introduction for Students. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1979. 155 pages, bibliography.

This manual is addressed to students doing oral history, but it is also a good manual for anyone beginning to do oral history. The first part of the book compares oral history with other techniques of historical research. Part II discusses the theoretical concepts of personality, culture, and society as they relate to oral history. Part III emphasizes the practical details--arranging the interview, preparing for the interview, conducting it, and work to be done after the interview. Part IV focuses on writing

The Museum Archives of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Summary Inventory, 1979. 17 pages, paper cover, is available on request from the archives.

The Museum Archives of the Detroit Institute of Arts houses records dating from 1876 to the present. Textual records consist mainly of office and curatorial files, financial records, reports and publications. There are also audio-visual materials. Most are open for scholarly research.

The Summary Inventory provides descriptions of the record groups, personal papers, and collections. The Archives are open by appointment 9:30 to 5:00 on weekdays. The archivists are Claudia Hommel and Marilyn Ghausi.

SPOTLIGHT

THE GENERAL MOTORS INSTITUTE ALUMNI FOUNDATION'S
COLLECTION OF INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

The General Motors Institute Alumni Foundation's Collection of Industrial History was established by the GMI Alumni Foundation in 1974. The cornerstone accession was the personal and business papers of William Crapo Durant, founder of General Motors. Since its inception the Alumni Historical Collection has grown with other acquisitions documenting the lives and influence of people who have helped shape America's industrial and business heritage, particularly as it relates to the automobile.

Thirteen major accessions and more than 140 other accessions have been added to our initial collection of Durant material since 1974.

We hope this unique collection will be utilized for research in economic, industrial and business history. The Collection also has high research potential for those students and scholars whose particular interest lies in the role played by individuals in shaping American business and industry. The following is a list of contributors to industrial and business history whose papers and records are now a part of the Historical Collection:

William S. Ballenger - Chevrolet
William C. Durant - Durant-Dort Carriage Company,
General Motors, Chevrolet, and Durant Motors
Willard C. Hess - Custom Cars
Charles Stewart Mott - Weston-Mott Axle Company,
General Motors, C.S. Mott Foundation
John Lee Pratt - E.I. duPont, General Motors
Frigidaire Division, GMC - Intervention history
of refrigeration and cooling
Frank J. Manley - Community Education and C.S.
Mott Foundation
Industrial Mutual Association Records, 1904-1968 -
A unique employee benefit organization

Also included are holdings in such subjects as:

Carriage and Auto Body Building
Custom Cars
Early Sparking Devices
Auto Body Equipment and Hardware
Labor Relations
Wartime Training by Industry
History of General Motors Institute

Readers of Open Entry may be interested in some details of our larger collections. The Durant Papers comprise more than 8,000 items. The only extant papers of the auto magnate, the collection was acquired from the estate of his widow. It includes correspondence, legal papers, financial records, photographs, and ledgers. In addition to materials on Durant's many business and industrial endeavors, the papers also contain correspondence with many prominent Americans: Pierre S. duPont, Charles F. Kettering, John North Ringling, and Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Subjects include world peace movements, law enforcement, the Federal Reserve System, Industrial Rayon, American Cottonpicker, International Combustion Engineering and the Locomobile Corporation of America.

The Charles Stewart Mott Papers, which comprise an estimated 200,000 items relating to his life, business and philanthropic career, are the most complete of our collection's holdings. Topics covered include the Mott family cider business, the axle company, Mott Carbonating Company and his GM career. The largest section deals with his C.S. Mott Foundation, its philosophy, inception, growth, and programs during his lifetime.

The Frank J. Manley Collection enriches, expands, and complements the Foundation Series of the C.S. Mott Papers. Frank Manley is credited with providing the initial idea to Mott for funding an evening recreation program in the Flint schools. Opening schools for recreation after normal school hours soon led to educational and spare time classes. The rapidly expanding programs in the school setting soon demanded formal funding and the C.S. Mott Foundation came into being. The Flint Schools/Mott Foundation partnership in community education has become a worldwide model and has been widely studied and copied.

More recently we acquired the records of the Industrial Mutual Association from 1904-1968. The IMA, as it is known locally, came to life as a joint effort of labor and management in Flint's carriage industry. Employee insurance and other benefits like bathing facilities and recreation were early purposes for mutual effort. Later, recreation, banking, and education were provided to members. By the late 1930's it provided a county-wide program and facilities which included a lighted softball field, an auditorium for cultural and sports events, and a lake-side facility. Later still the IMA built a ice arena for recreational skating and professional hockey.

The records we have are quite complete in most respects, lacking only detailed financial records. The IMA records are a rich source of labor-management relations and matters related to cooperative efforts to bring about social, economic, cultural, and education improvement for working people. This is the first time these records have been available to the public.

We have just acquired 185 linear feet of records from the former Frigidaire Division of General Motors. These records span the entire life of the company from its origin as Guardian Frigerator in Detroit to the sprawling division of GMC in Dayton. In addition to documenting the life of the company, there is a considerable amount of material on the development of refrigeration and air conditioning worldwide. This collection is being processed and is not available for research at this time. We estimate about six months before it will be open.

I am pleased to introduce our collection to readers of Open Entry and welcome your questions and visits. The Collection is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have questions on whatever, you may write to me, Richard P. Scharburg, GMI Alumni Historical Collection, 1700 W. Third Ave., Flint, MI. 48502 or call (313) 766-9048.

NEWS FROM ARCHIVES IN MICHIGAN

BURTON HISTORICAL COLLECTION, DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Accessions

The Thompson Home for Old Ladies Papers are now open for use by researchers. The collection covers the years 1875-1975 and is composed of the articles of association, history, minutes, admission records, correspondence, financial statements, and plans for the building the Home occupied on Cass and Hancock in Detroit. The Home was founded in 1876 by Mrs. David T. Thompson as a retirement home for gentlewomen. The Home was closed in 1978 and the building sold to Wayne State University.

The Northwest Community Organization Papers are now available at the Burton Collection. The collection covers the years 1967-1978 and includes constitution and bylaws, history correspondence, finances, and reports. The Northwest Community Organization was incorporated May 15, 1968, as a non-profit organization whose objective was to make Northwest Detroit a model, viable, and integrated community. The organization still exists today.

Joseph F. Oldenburg

GERALD R. FORD LIBRARY

Accessions

The Ford Library has received 132 cubic feet of personal papers of Ron Nessen. The papers consist of correspondence, memoranda, press releases, press briefings, news summaries, schedules, briefing books, telephone call logs, transcripts of media interviews, and printed materials concerning all aspects of Nessen's work as Press Secretary to President Ford, 1974-1977.

President Ford recently donated 14 cubic feet of personal papers concerning the writing of his book A Time to Heal. These files were maintained by Trevor Armbrister in assisting Ford with the book and consist of transcripts of interviews with Ford and many of his former aides and associates, copies of the President's Daily Diary, newspaper clippings, notes, and publications. President Ford has also given the library his Navy personnel file concerning his service in the Navy, 1942-1946, and the Naval Reserve, 1946-1963.

Roger Semerad has donated one cubic foot of personal papers to the Ford Library. This material consists of his chronological correspondence file and several folders on meetings and speeches and concerns Semerad's work as a staff assistant to the Domestic Council handling labor, education, and veterans matters and as executive director of the President's Advisory Committee on Refugees after the arrival of Vietnamese refugees in the United States in the spring of 1975.

News Notes

President Ford toured the construction site of the Ford Museum during his visit to Grand Rapids on March 26. On April 17 he visited the Ford Library in Ann Arbor and later met with Acting Archivist of the United States James O'Neill, Acting Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries Richard Jacobs, Ford Presidential Materials Project Director William Stewart, and representatives of the University of Michigan and the Gerald R. Ford Commemorative Committee. The Ford Library is expected to be ready for occupancy this summer, while the Museum will not be completed until next year.

The Ford Library oral history program commenced in January when nine individuals in Grand Rapids were in-

interviewed concerning President Ford's early life and political beginnings, concluding with his 1948 Congressional campaign.

William H. McNitt

WILLIAM L. CLEMENTS LIBRARY,
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Publications

The William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan announces the publication of the last volume in the library's Bicentennial Studies series. The Revolution Remembered: Eyewitness Accounts of the American Revolution is a collection of narratives submitted by common soldiers as proof of service in order to obtain government pensions. The library's director, John C. Dann, has edited these documents from the pension files in the National Archives. The volume is being published by the University of Chicago Press.

Barbara Mitchell

THE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND THE ARCHIVES OF LABOR AND URBAN AFFAIRS,
WALTER P. REUTHER LIBRARY, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Accessions

Dr. Walter H. Seegers, a world-renowned physiologist who has pioneered in research into the clotting properties of blood, has deposited his papers with the University Archives. The collection (5.5 cubic feet) includes some publications but consists mainly of professional correspondence for 1944-1956 and Blood Symposium correspondence for 1952-1967.

The following collections have recently been processed and opened

for research in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs.

The Frederick W. Thompson Collection contains four linear feet of material dealing with the Industrial Workers of the World during the 1950's to the 1970's. It documents the IWW legal struggle against its inclusion on the U.S. Attorney General's "subversive list," Thompson's efforts to attain naturalized citizen status denied him by the government, and the involvement of the IWW in similar cases. Thompson was Editor of the IWW newspaper The Industrial Worker for many years and has been their official historian.

The United Automobile Workers Local 154 Collection contains seven linear feet of material covering the years 1933 to 1963 and documents the history of this local which represented the workers of the now-defunct Hudson Motor Car Company. The years 1933 through 1935 are particularly well covered in the correspondence series; and the complete minute books from 1936 through 1957 provide valuable insights into the growth, development, and decline of the work force of a once major automaker.

The William A. Ryan Collection containing two linear feet of material, covers the period February 1968 to May 1971. Ryan was elected as Representative to the Michigan State Legislature in 1958 and was Speaker of the House from 1969 to 1974. His collection consists primarily of constituent mail relating to Mr. Ryan's activity as a backer of state aid to parochial schools. The remainder of the collection contains correspondence on a variety of other issues.

Activities

Donald Haynes and Barbara Larkin have begun work on the project, "Workers and Their Jobs," funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. They will produce worker education films and an extensive oral history collection of industrial workers. Barbara, a Michigan State University

graduate in history and political science, is currently transcribing and editing approximately thirty hours of interviews already collected by Patricia Pilling.

"Just Before the War," a Smithsonian traveling exhibit of selected U.S. Farm Security Administration photographs, will be on display in the Reuther Library exhibit gallery throughout the summer. This outstanding group of photographs, taken between 1939 and 1941, focuses on people, places, and events in the United States with special emphasis on urban America.

Irving Bluestone will be this year's recipient of the Walter P. Reuther Library Award for Service to Labor and Social Justice. Mr. Bluestone is retiring as Vice President of the United Auto Workers in June and will be Wayne State University's first University Professor in Labor Studies. The award will be made by WSU President Thomas Bonner on May 14 at a luncheon in the Reuther Library.

Members of the staff are working with the Michigan Labor History Society in planning "A Labor Day Revival, 1980," a dinner meeting of the Society to be held August 27 at Cobo Hall. Douglas Fraser and other leading labor figures will speak at this meeting to revive the celebration of Labor Day. In addition, the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs will participate in and have exhibits for the upcoming conventions of the United Auto Workers; the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; and the American Federation of Teachers.

Mary Molden Karshner, a part-time staff member, has accepted the position of museum curator/archivist for the city of St. Clair Shores, Michigan. She will be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the city museum (a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse presently being restored) and for developing and maintaining city archival and local history collections.

Several staff members have been busy on the speaking front. Mary Zimmeth and Robert Marshall, part-time staff members, delivered papers at the annual Local History Conference on April 18; and full-time staff member Dione Miles will speak at the Midwest Archives Conference in May.

Valerie Gerrard Browne

MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND COPPER COUNTRY HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

Accessions

The Michigan Technological University Archives received another installment of the William Brinkman photographic collection. Each print is fully identified noting the date, place, occasion, and name of individuals. Undoubtedly these photographic records will enable researchers to recreate the structures of the Redridge area, and document its social history.

Roger Rogge donated plat documents which represent the historical ownership of Ford Motor Company lands in the Upper Peninsula. This first shipment covers Baraga County.

Activities

Since the last report, progress was made toward the reorganization of the Michigan Technological University Library. All archival materials are now consolidated on the third floor of the building.

During the month of February, students from U.P. Literature and Folklore class used the Archives' facilities to videotape a class project. Materials and information from the collections supplemented a discussion of the Copper Country Strike of 1913.

Theresa Sanderson Spence published an article in a special historic preservation issue of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region Newsletter. It was titled,

"MTU Archives Collects Historical Documents."

Theresa Sanderson Spence

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, ARCHIVES
AND HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

Accessions

Among recent accessions is 55 cubic feet of material from the MSU Department of Crop and Soil Science. Included are aerial photographs of Michigan taken in 1926 and 1935 (18 cu. ft.), a complete series of Michigan soil surveys, by county, from 1899 to 1921 (20 cu. ft.), and soil surveys from a variety of states, 1950-1961 (17 cu. ft.). The Department of Criminal Justice transferred 11 cubic feet of material. The bulk of this accession is the records of the National Center for Police and Community Relation, 1961-1977. The center is dedicated to improving police/community relations. The Michigan Polar-Equator Club has donated its records. This material, three cubic feet and spanning 1965-1979, deals with conservation topics, wildlife protection and management interests as well as various topics dealing with hunting and fishing. National labor referee, Robert G. Howlet, has sent an additional eight feet of his material to the Archives. This latest accession, spanning 1958 to 1977, contains some labor dispute case files and correspondence and speeches of Howlet.

Activities

A symposium, titled "A Half Century Ago: Michigan in the Great Depression" was held at Michigan State University on January 19, 1980. The symposium, funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for the Humanities, consisted of six papers dealing with agriculture, unemployment in the Upper Peninsula, political change in the Upper Pen-

insula, the auto industry, writers and the federal arts project during the 1930's in Michigan. Symposium proceedings will soon be distributed to all academic libraries throughout the state.

Personnel

Mary Reinsma Patton has been appointed specialist in the Archives filling the position left vacant by Suzanne Jude. Ms. Patton received her archival training at the University of Wisconsin and has worked in archival institutions in New York and Michigan.

Dick Harms

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COLLECTION,
BENTLEY HISTORICAL LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN

Accessions

The Michigan Historical Collections has received and processed the papers of Charles E. Potter, U.S. Senator from Michigan, 1953-1959. The collection covers the years 1947 to 1958 and includes 10 volumes of scrapbooks containing clippings, press releases, speeches, and newsletters. Also included are Senatorial campaign files from 1952 and 1958, statements about state and national issues, files relating to legislation and voting. Topics discussed in the collection are veterans affairs, Great Lakes shipping, and the problems of aging and the aged.

A small but significant collection of materials relating to the Johnston family of Sault Ste. Marie has been given to the library. It contains about three inches of correspondence, writings, and clippings, 1822 to 1925. The first group of papers consist of family correspondence, primarily concerning John M. Johnston (1816-1895), and his children, although there are a few items written by John Johnston (1782-1828), founder of the famous

Sault Ste. Marie family. The second group of papers consists of miscellaneous materials, dating from 1896-1925 relating to the Sault Ste. Marie area and the history of the Indians in the region. Also included are an extensive collection of photographs.

Activities

The MHC mounted a major exhibition entitled, "The University's Presidents, 1817-1980" in honor of the inauguration of the tenth University President, Harold Shapiro. The exhibition of photographs and documents will be displayed at the Bentley Historical Library until June 30. The exhibition was duplicated in the Rackham Building during the ceremonies of Inauguration Week. On April 9, the BHL exhibition was opened with a reception for Mr. Shapiro and the Friends of the Bentley Historical Library.

The exhibition was prepared by May Davis Hill and Mary Jo Pugh, with the assistance of Ann Dodge, Bill Brown, Mike Evans and Marilyn McNitt.

Bulletin No. 29 in the MHC Bulletin Series has just been published. Entitled A Furniture Family: The Slighs of Michigan, it is written by Francis X. Blouin and Thomas E. Powers. The bulletin offers a history of the Sligh Family, founders of the Sligh Furniture Company of Grand Rapids and Holland, Michigan. The history commemorates the centennial of the Sligh Furniture Company. The bulletin also contains a description of the Sligh Family papers, housed at the BHL. The papers, which are broad in scope and of unusual historical value, reflect the activities of three generations of the family; including the Civil War service of James W. Sligh, early business correspondence concerning one of Michigan's major industries, the public and political service of Charles R. Sligh, Sr. and Charles Sligh, Jr. The bulletin is available upon request.

Also available is the Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Bentley Historical Library for the year 1978-1979.

Mrs. Marguerite Lambert of Ann Arbor has made it possible for the MHC to hire Ann Flowers to undertake a conservation project for materials relating to Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and the University of Michigan.

Ruth Wasem, a graduate student in history and Ruth Bordin, Library Adjunct, are developing an oral history project relating to the gubernatorial administration of G. Mennen Williams.

Mary Jo Pugh

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