

TENNESSEE ARCHIVISTS

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TENNESSEE ARCHIVISTS TO MEET IN MACON COUNTY

All members and those interested in the archival profession are urged to make plans to attend the Spring Meeting of Tennessee Archivists at Red Boiling Springs, May 19-20. A program announcement and registration form will be sent to all members in the near future.

Bill MacArthur has appointed the following members to serve as the nominating committee: Tommy Adams, Tennessee State Library and Archives--Chairman; John E. Harkins, Memphis/Shelby County Archives; and Mark R. Winter, Tennessee Valley Authority.

ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA

The Archives of Appalachia, East Tennessee State University, has received a grant from the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities, Incorporated, to produce a series of radio programs based on the collections in the Archives. The series, entitled "Tennessee's Mountain Heritage," will consist of half-hour programs to be broadcast on WETS-FM, a National Public Radio affiliate licensed to ETSU. WETS-FM (89.5 megahertz) has a 70,000 watt stereo signal and can be heard within a 100 mile radius of Johnson City.

The intent of the series is to provide listeners with an entertaining and educational overview of various aspects of regional social history and folklore. Margaret Counts, Project Coordinator, and Dr. Richard Blaustein, of ETSU's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, are producing the programs and preparing

study guides to accompany them. One of the goals of the project is to further make the collections of the Archives of Appalachia accessible to the general public. The series will be broadcast on Sunday evenings at 7:30, beginning on May 1, 1983.

COLONIAL RECORDS RESCUE

Jim Neal (Middle Tennessee State University) is recruiting volunteers for a Colonial Records Rescue on Grand Turk Island (British West Indies) during July and August of this year. Participants will help establish a local history archives on this small British colony between the Bahama Islands and Haiti. Archival experience is desirable but not essential. Students, professionals, retirees, and others who appreciate the importance of preserving historical documents and who are willing to work and live in relatively Spartan conditions are welcome to apply. Project dates are July 11-29 and August 1-19. For a brochure describing the project write to Jim Neal at Box 198 MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF NASHVILLE AND MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The Nashville Jewish community suffered an irreplaceable loss with the death of Mrs. Fedora Small Frank on January 6, 1983. Author of two books, *Five Families and Eight Young Men (Nashville and her Jewry 1850-1861)* and *Beginnings on Market Street (Nashville and her Jewry 1861-1901)*, she was a meticulous historian. She also founded and maintained the Archives of The Temple, (Ohabai Sholom), now being administered by Annette Levy. Mrs. Frank's interest in young people caused her last year to endow the Fedora Small Frank Literary and Fine Arts Contest in Jewish History in Nashville for youths ages 13-18. As honorary chairman of the Jewish Federation Archives Steering committee from its inception in 1979, she assisted chairman Elizabeth Jacobs in guiding the archives and interpreting it to the community, as well as adding valuable photographs, personal papers, and records of Nashville's Jewish families, organizations, and businesses to its collection. With her encyclopedic mind and impeccable research, she was the prime resource on Nashville's Jews.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COLLECTION

Recent addition to collections include an oral history interview by Katherine Hinds Smythe, owner of Memphis' Memorial Park Cemetery and Funeral Home; additional papers of Phyllis A. Tickle, Memphis poet and owner of St. Luke's Press; and Congressional papers of Harold Ford, 1976-82.

The department with assistance from Betty Erle Rhodes prepared a grant proposal for \$30,000 submitted jointly to the Tennessee Committee for the Humanities and the Tennessee Arts Commission to fund a February 1984 exhibit in the NBC bank gallery. The exhibit will be entitled "Gone but not forgotten: a gallery of prominent Memphis citizens, 1819-1919."

COUNTRY MUSIC FOUNDATION

Recent acquisitions by the Library and Media Center include scrapbooks of Mary Charamella, a veteran of the Camel Caravan of the early 1940's and Jess Easterday, long time member of Roy Acuff's Smoky Mountain Boys. Additions to the Oral History Collection are interviews taped in Charlotte, N. C. by oral historian John Rumble with three veterans from the music scene in the 1920's and 1930's-- Thomas Jamison, Charles Crutchfield and Cecil Campbell.

The Country Music Foundation Museum has been awarded an AASLH grant for consultation with Tennessee State Museum Conservator Shelley Reisman.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

"Baptist History in the Local Church" is the theme for the church history workshop sponsored by the Historical Society of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Workshop leaders are Dr. Ron Tonks and Dr. Charles Deweese both of the Historical Commission, S.B.C. The locations and dates are: South Knoxville Baptist Church, Monday, May 9, 7:00-9:30 P.M. and Tennessee Baptist Convention Building, Brentwood, Tuesday, May 10, 7:00-9:30 P.M.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first Tennessee Baptist Convention organized at Mill Creek Baptist Church near Nashville in October, 1833, the T.B.C. announces the Sesquicentennial Celebration at the Tennessee Baptist Convention Building in Brentwood, June 25, 1983. Activities for the day include a historical tour, dinner on the ground, musical drama and entertainment, special music, old-time speeches, celebration service in the T.B.C. Chapel, and election of officers for the T.B.C. Historical Society. A registration fee of \$5.00 includes noon meal, tour, celebration service, and materials--\$3.00 extra for tour transportation in buses or vans provided.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDY OF MODERN ARCHIVES

Through funds received from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Bentley Historical Library is sponsoring a research fellowship program for the study of modern archives. Fellows will participate in a research seminar at the University of Michigan focused on the problems of appraisal of modern records. For application forms and further information contact: Francis X. Blouin, Jr., Director, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, 1150 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109 or phone (313) 764-3482.

TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

On March 16 librarians, historians, library board trustees and library friends from across the state gathered on Capitol Hill in Nashville in observance of Library Day. Activities for the day included a breakfast for Middle Tennessee legislators and a luncheon for legislators from East and West Tennessee both of

which were hosted by the Tennessee Library Association. Tours of the facilities at the State Library and Archives were provided by members of the staff. A seminar on the legislative process conducted by Olivia K. Young, State Librarian and Archivist, was attended by 125 persons. The keynote speaker at this meeting was Gentry Crowell, Secretary of State, who also is chairman of the State Library and Archives Management Board.

THE 1982 WORLD'S FAIR COLLECTION

The McClung Historical Collection, a department of the Public Library, Knoxville-Knox County, has been selected as the repository for the official collection of the 1982 World's Fair. Officials announced that the McClung Collection was chosen in part because of the early interest exhibited in receiving the collection, beginning with a 1976 overture from McClung Collection head, Bill MacArthur.

The collection includes the records and correspondence from the various departments and officials of the Fair, with the exception of the records of the Financial and Legal Departments which were retained by the Knoxville Foundation, Inc. (KFI), the successor to the Fair's sponsoring body. In addition to 80 boxes and 31 filing cabinets full of documents, there are video cassettes, posters and artwork, a sampling of World's Fair souvenirs, color photographs of groups visiting the Fair, over 100 scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, and approximately 70,000 slides.

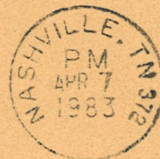
Jane Row, the 1982 World's Fair librarian, helped supervise the transfer of the material to the McClung Collection in January 1983. She has since generously donated her time and expertise in working with material which was released after the library was disbanded in November 1982 and is therefore unprocessed.

Knoxville Foundation, Inc. has retained all rights to the collection until January 1, 1989. At this time ownership of the material transfers to the McClung Collection. Anyone wishing to use the 1982 World's Fair Collection prior to 1989 must obtain written permission from KFI and must pay a user fee. For further information contact Dr. William J. MacArthur, Jr., McClung Historical Collection, 500 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902.

TENNESSEE ARCHIVISTS FALL MEETING

The Tennessee Archivists fall meeting was held in Knoxville on December 2-3, 1982. Tennessee Secretary of State Gentry Crowell was the featured speaker at the banquet on December 2. The second day of the meeting included a tour of the East Tennessee Historical Center which houses the Knoxville-Knox County Archives and the McClung Historical Collection. The 1874 building, corner of Market and Clinch, was originally a customs house, federal court building, and post office.

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