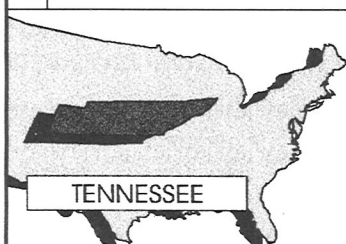


THE PAPERS OF MEMPHIS MAYOR FRANK TOBEY
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The 1950s is an important period for historical research especially for students of the American South. Scholars can find new insights into the decade by examining the papers of Mayor Frank Tobey at the Memphis and Shelby County Archives.

Frank Tobey was the Mayor of Memphis from 1953 to 1955. Tobey presided over the commission form of government which consisted of the mayor and four commissioners. The commission directed city departments and approved city legislation. Thus his papers contain information on many aspects of Memphis life.



Memphis

The Tobey collection can be divided into three basic groups. The first group, which deals with the growth of Memphis, provides valuable insights into the economic, political and social development of the city. The second group has to do with race relations and details the unique and evolving relationship of white and black leaders in a city where segregation was already breaking down. Group three relates to municipal government and contains material about the daily operation of the commission form of government and its close relationship to the people. The papers consist of fifty-six boxes organized in original order by year and a detailed finding aid has been

created to assist researchers.

Frank Tobey was mayor at a critical time in Memphis history and was the last mayor chosen by longtime political leader E. H. Crump. Tobey was in office when Crump died in 1954. With Crump's death, a political vacuum existed in Memphis as the old Crump machine attempted to hold on to power while others attempted to reform city government. The evidence in the collection suggests that Tobey had the trust of all factions and was able to work with them to move the city forward. His accomplishments included appointing an African-American to a city board, providing city property for St. Jude Hospital and working in behalf of publicly owned utilities by successfully opposing construction of the Dixon-Yates Power Plant. Thus Tobey easily filled the vacuum and ran Memphis efficiently until his own death in September 1955. His death seems to have destabilized city government and paved the way for controversial leadership which would have such tragic results in the next decade.

The Tobey Collection is one of the 20th Century mayors papers housed at the Memphis and Shelby County Archives. These include Watkins Overton (1928-1939 and 1949-1953), Walter Chandler (1940-1946), James J. Pleasants, Jr. (1947-1949), Henry Loeb (1960-1963 and 1968-1971) and Wyeth Chandler (1972-1982).

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**FREE INFORMATION TO YOUR COMPUTER
E-MAIL LISTSERVS: WHAT ARE THEY, WHAT GOOD ARE THEY,
WHY SHOULD ONE SUBSCRIBE?**

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Many of you who have e-mail accounts either through your employer or a private Internet service provider have by now learned about the "lists" or "e-mail messaging services" to which one can subscribe. There are literally hundreds of these which cater to specific interests. This article will concentrate on those lists which might be of most value for records and information management professionals. These are the Archives, Records Management, Government Publications, and Image Library lists.

The Archives list is, obviously, oriented towards issues, problems, and solutions unique to archivists and their profession. The subjects of the postings are diverse. Such things as position openings, educational opportunities, URL's for archive web sites, questions regarding the location of specific manuscript collections are typical. Technical questions on preservation, arrangement, and database indexing are common. Replies to these questions are usually posted to the list for the benefit of all subscribers.

The Records Management list currently has about 1800 subscribers with more added nearly every day. Since more information is being created in machine-readable format, many of the questions tend to be of a technical nature. Those who work in this field desire to improve their knowledge of how records are created, accessed, and, if necessary, preserved on electronic media. Many discussions are held about microfilm, record center operations, records management software packages, bar coding, and arranging paper-based documents. The members of the Records Management list work for Federal, state, and local government as well as several private companies. Like the Archives list, subscribers are located in different countries.

The Government Publications list is a forum for those who provide government information via the World Wide Web. In the not too distant future, this will likely be all of us who work in government archives and records programs. On this list, one can obtain information about government web sites, the type and extent of information that is available, and frank discussions of how well (or how poorly) the web sites are organized.

Of the four lists described in this article, the Image Library list has the least amount of traffic. However, useful information on such topics as digital cameras, photograph and artwork imaging projects, web sites for images, and technical issues involved with digital imaging can be obtained. Many libraries and archives are currently planning to or are already making photograph collections available via the Internet.

A brief foray into the technical aspects of the lists is in order. Most of the lists mentioned here make use of excess computing capacity of universities who are kind enough to permit this. Each list has a host or administrator who may or may not be physically located at the institution whose computers are being used. This person is mainly responsible for keeping technical difficulties to a minimum. These lists are NOT moderated. The list administrator does not read each message and edit it or reject it based on content. The result is a most refreshing, open discussion of the issues.

Now for the fun part. How to subscribe and, perhaps more importantly, how to avoid some common pitfalls. The lists are composed of two, separate e-mail addresses. One address is used for starting the subscription and for entering commands regarding subscription options. The other address is used for posting messages for other subscribers to read. If commands for subscription options are sent to the wrong address, the command will not be executed, and the membership of the entire list will see just how computer illiterate and heedless one can be.

Subscribing to the lists is fairly simple. One sends the command "subscribe" along with their first and last name to the to the command address described above. Here now are instructions for connecting:

KEY: a) the address for subscribing and for subscription options.

b) the address for posting messages for others to read.

ARCHIVES LIST

a) listserv@miamiu.muohio.edu

In the message area of your e-mail program, type the following:

subscribe archives YourFirstname YourLastname

Do NOT enter anything in the subject line. Also, if you use a signature file, turn this feature off before sending the subscription command. If you prefer, you can enter the name of your institution of employment rather than your own name.

Within a minute or two, you will receive acknowledgment of the receipt of your message. You will also be asked to send another message, usually just two letters , ok, to confirm that you do indeed wish to subscribe. Upon confirmation, you will receive lengthier welcome messages which give the current subscription options and the commands which you will use to choose preferences. One subscription option which is highly recommended is "digest." Unless you select digest mode, the many messages that are posted to the list during the course of a day will be put into your e-mail account one by one. Digest mode causes the postings to be appended to one another and sent overnight as one message. Be certain to save to paper the instructions which you are sent. These can save you much grief when you wish to postpone receipt of messages or unsubscribe.

b) archives@miamiu.acs.muohio.edu

If your e-mail software allows, you may wish to make each of the addresses for posting messages part of your "nicknames" list. Then, this string of characters will not need to be typed each time you wish to send a message.

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a) listserv@listserv.syr.edu

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b) recmgmt@listserv.syr.edu

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS LIST

a) listserv@lists.nodak.edu

Send the following message:

subscribe govpub YourFirstName YourLastName

b) govpub@listserv.nodak.edu

IMAGING LIBRARY LIST

a) listserv@listserv.arizona.edu

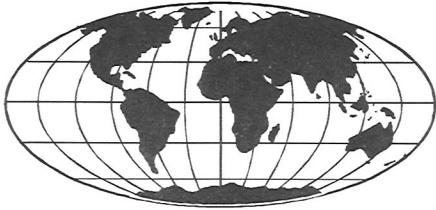
Send the following message:

subscribe imagelib YourFirstName YourLastName

b) imagelib@listserv.arizona.edu

While it is true that, on occasion, the members of these lists go off on tangents which might prove to be of no interest, there is still a good amount of useful information. The best part is that the information is free and freely given. Should you have any problems or questions please feel free to contact me at records@esper.com.

Happy postings!



NEW TECHNOLOGY MAKES DETAILED MAPS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Beginning June 10, 1997, the Library of Congress is making available on the Internet detailed American panoramic maps from its collections, thanks to a gift from LizardTech, which has donated special software. The maps will become a part of *American Memory*, the Library's electronic collections of some of its most important materials, available at <http://www.loc.gov/>.

"Due to the generosity of LizardTech, the Library's National Digital Library Program is reaching another milestone: making available some of its most important and detailed maps to Americans everywhere via the Internet," said James H. Billington, the Librarian of Congress. "This donation will allow users to view their cities and towns as they looked during the late 19th and early 20th centuries."

"The Library of Congress's use of the LizardTech software is another successful example of technology transfer from our national laboratories. These transfers enable the public and private partnerships that provide additional returns to the nation," Sen. Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) said. "This collection of maps will greatly enhance the offerings from the National Digital Library Program, which is bringing the riches of the Library to all Americans."

This new collection from the Library's site on the World Wide Web is made possible through the donation of a file-compression technology developed by LizardTech of Santa Fe, N.M., and Seattle. The presentation of detailed maps on-line, once highly impractical due to the very large size of their digital files, is now possible with the technology that reduces the size of massive map files by more than 20 times. Users can access these maps on the World Wide Web to view the entire image or zoom in for greater detail. No special software is necessary to view these maps. They will be accessible to the public on the Internet for the first time at <http://www.loc.gov/>.

"LizardTech is particularly proud to be involved in this effort. The MrSID software and the Center for Geographic Information are both the result of a historic collaboration between government and industry that provides the nation access to its heritage and the opportunity to explore that legacy using the Internet," said John R. Grizz Deal, President of LizardTech.

The donation of the file-compression technology is the latest gift received by the Geography and Map Division through its Center for Geographic Information, an alliance with private sector industries that are working to develop a vast array of new geographic technologies. The large-format, flatbed scanner that is used to digitize the maps, for example, was donated by Tangent Color Systems; Hewlett Packard gave the computer equipment that is used to process the map images so that they can be displayed.

The compression of these very large files is made possible by the use of Multiresolution Seamless Image Database (MrSID) software, which was invented at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Sen. Domenici sponsored federal technology transfer legislation in 1989 that enabled partnerships between national laboratories and U.S. industry. LizardTech has used this and other legislation to develop private sector commercial uses for this technology.

"During the first century of the existence of the Geography and Map Division, access to our maps was limited to the few who could visit our reading room or afford photo reproductions," said Ralph Ehrenberg, chief of the Library's Geography and Map Division. "We begin our second century with the prospect of making our historic collections available to anyone through the World Wide Web."

The Library's Geography and Map Division comprises a collection of 4.5 million maps and 60,000 atlases, making it the largest in the world. The division is scanning maps from its core collections to make them available from the Library's National Digital Library Program. The first virtual cartographic collection, "Panoramic Maps of the United States," will be available on the World Wide Web today as a component of *American Memory* (<http://www.loc.gov/>), which is bringing the most significant of the Library's American historical collections to a wider audience through the Internet.

The National Digital Library Program aims to make available via the Internet millions of important materials from America's past contained in the incomparable collections of the Library of Congress. Already accessible are Mathew Brady's Civil War photographs; documents relating to slavery, the civil rights movement and women's suffrage; and early films and sound recordings. The Library's services on the World Wide Web currently process more than 42 million transactions per month.

LizardTech, formed in 1992, is a private company focused on publishing innovative software that allows users of all levels easy access to digital images and multimedia content. LizardTech is a spinoff of Los Alamos National Laboratory; it is based in Santa Fe and Seattle.

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**ALBERT GORE RESEARCH CENTER,
MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
MURFREESBORO, TENN.**

The Albert Gore Research Center has received the legislative papers of John Bragg, long time member of the Tennessee General Assembly from Murfreesboro and a staunch supporter of the Tennessee State Library and Archives and other archives and manuscripts repositories across the state. (35 cubic feet)

J. D. Gillespie/Gillespie Airport Collection. Gillespie Airport was located on the present site of the Metro Center (Eighth Ave., North, Nashville) and was a training center for pilots and flight instructors, many of whom were women, during World War II. (20 cubic feet)

The Gore Center will initiate the Albert and Pauline Gore Lecture Series with a symposium on the subject of Senator Gore and the emergence of the New South on Saturday morning, November 1, at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Nashville. David Halberstam will be one of many well-known presenters at the session. Each November the Gore Center will present programs on topics important to and/or closely identified with Senator and Mrs. Gore.

The Rutherford County Archives, which have been temporarily housed at the Gore Center, are scheduled to return to renovated quarters in the Court House in December 1997.

-Dr. James Neal

**TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES
NASHVILLE, TENN.**

The State Library and Archives is pleased to announce that through the generosity and cooperation of Mrs. Hortense Cooper, widow of former governor Prentice Cooper, the Papers of Governor Cooper have been transferred from the Cooper home in Shelbyville to the State Library and Archives. Cooper served as governor from 1939 through 1945, and then as U. S. Ambassador to Peru for two years. The collection consists of over 140 cubic feet of official papers, scrapbooks, and other items, and fills an important gap in the collection of governors' papers held by the State Library and Archives. Also included are some personal papers, as well as materials on his Ambassadorship to Peru. TSLA holds representative collections of all of Tennessee's early governors, and virtually complete collections of the twentieth governors.

The State Library and Archives has also been selected by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) as the records repository for its archival records. AASLH is the oldest not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting organizations and individuals in collecting, preserving, and disseminating state, regional, and local history. Founded in Washington D. C. in 1940, the organization moved its headquarters to Nashville in 1964 when William T. Alderson, former State Librarian and Archivist, was hired as director. AASLH records consist of directors' and other officers' files, board minutes, annual meeting materials, financial records, educational materials, grant files, and AASLH publications.

Also received recently by the State Library and Archives are bound board minutes and bound Utility Assessment books belonging to the Public Service Commission (PSC). The board minutes cover the years 1862 through 1983, and the assessments cover the years 1921 to the present. The PSC was replaced by the Tennessee Regulatory Commission on June 30, 1996.

-John-Paul Richiuso

**TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
ARCHIVES
COOKEVILLE, TENN.**

The latest addition to the collections of the Tennessee Technological University Archives include an addendum to Charles Faulkner Bryan Papers.

The estate of Charles and Edith Bryan of McMinnville recently donated an additional 25 cubic feet of materials to the Charles Faulkner Bryan Papers. Bryan, who died in 1955, was an educator and folklorist as well as being one of the first serious composers to use the traditional folk music of Appalachia as a basis for his compositions. The donated items include original music manuscripts, programs and correspondence, contracts and a collection of rare music books.

A large collection of music, manuscripts and correspondence had been donated to Tennessee Tech by Bryan's widow Edith Hillis Bryan in 1979. The recent addition will more than double the size of the collection as well as adding depth to the existing holdings. The entire collection should be available for research by September.

-Mancil Johnson

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
PAUL MEEK LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN**

Major acquisitions of interest at Special Collections, Meek Library, UT-Martin include:

The Department of University Relations' photograph and video collection consisting of over 60,000 prints and negatives and over 260 videos and reels of film on the campus, faculty and students from the 1930's to the early 1990's.

Governor Ned Ray McWherter video collection consisting of over 200 videos of the Governor's speeches, press conferences and travels between 1965 and 1995.

The Van Buren Oldham Civil War diaries (1862-1864).

The Wright family papers consisting of Civil War photographs, letters and other documents of the Wright family from the 1860's to 1948.

Other things of interest:

Finding aids for both the Holland McCombs and the University of Tennessee at Martin Chancellor's papers (1927-1972) have been completed and are accessible to the public.

Web pages on the history of Weakley County and the UT-Martin campus.

-Dieter Ullrich

**LILA D. BUNCH LIBRARY,
BELMONT UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENN.**

The Williams Library at Belmont University has changed its name to the Lila D. Bunch Library.

The Lila D. Bunch Library, Belmont University is in the process of organizing the Middle Tennessee part of its' Tennessee Baptist Collection. The books contained in the collections of the Bunch Library have been added to their online catalog; items such as annual proceedings, associational minutes and miscellaneous files have been arranged.

-Jane Thomas



**FRAZAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY
LAKE CHARLES, LA**

The Society of Southwest Archivists Meeting will be held in Lafayette, Louisiana and is scheduled for May 28-30, 1998. Thursday, May 28 will be pre-conference workshops, the actual meetings will be Friday, May 29 and till noon on Saturday, May 30. We always schedule tours, receptions, a dinner Friday night, and business breakfast Saturday A.M. Tours are usually extra, but the meals are almost always part of the registration. Bruce Turner at USL is in charge of local arrangements.

As a part of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA), Bruce Turner and I are working on a directory of archival agencies in Louisiana. Hopefully this will be ready sometime this fall. LAMA has an annual meeting in November (this year at Nichols State in Thibodaux). The topic of one session that I will be participating in is getting funding from the community for the archives program. Which, considering we are a state university, is pretty unusual and interesting. At least I hope it will be!

The Archives and Special Collections Dept. at McNeese is probably more of an historical manuscripts repository than an actual university archive. That may be the main reason that the community supports us as well as they do.

Looking forward to seeing all in Mobile (for the Southern Archivists Conference), and hopefully in Lafayette!

-Kathie Bordelon

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This letter will prove to be one of thank yous and reminders:



A pat on the back goes to Ralph Sowell for his work as our new newsletter editor. I have received and passed on to Ralph several compliments on the design and appearance of the first issue he's produced (the Winter 1997 issue). As a newsletter editor myself, I give Ralph my sympathy for a difficult, time-consuming and often thankless task. On behalf of Tennessee Archivists, I want to give Ralph a public thank you for a job well done. And Ralph, more importantly, keep up the good work!

I want to thank Ken Fieth and David McWhirter for agreeing to serve as our representatives on the Southern Archivists Conference planning committee which will organize next year's meeting in Mobile, Alabama.

The executive committee and the bylaws revision ad hoc committee have been working on incorporating suggestions into a proposed new set of bylaws. The proposed bylaws will be published in the next newsletter and voted on at the fall meeting in November. Please take the time to study the proposal carefully when you receive the fall newsletter, so you can cast an informed vote.

Speaking of the fall meeting, it will be held Thursday, Nov. 13-Friday, Nov. 14, 1997 at the Lodge at Fall Creek Falls State Park near Pikeville, Tenn. Work is now underway to develop an interesting series of sessions. Complete details on the meeting and registration will be published in the next newsletter. Registration can be made by calling 1 (800) 250-8610.

Best wishes to all for a good summer!

**Ned Irwin,
President, Tennessee Archivists**

Editor's Page

In my zeal to publish the 1996-97 Membership Directory of Tennessee Archivists, I found that several mistakes were made; for this I am eternally sorry. Listed below are the corrections; please add them to your directory.

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