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Archives of Appalachia NEWSLETTER



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SERVICES TO TEACHERS

The Archives of Appalachia provides varied services and materials to assist area educators in classroom instruction. Many teachers are already acquainted with our outreach slide/tape programs which have been shown to local students from first grade to college level. Eight programs are available and cover the following subjects: quilting, country music, logging, Embreeville, Johnson City, Pat Alderman, railroads and preservation and restoration of old homes. These programs will enhance social studies classes and special units on the central southern Appalachians. Titles and a brief description of these programs are available upon request.

In 1982 an NEH grant provided funds to develop educational packets for loan with these outreach programs. Each packet includes a script of the program, questions for study, suggested activities and projects, bibliography and information about the archives and its collections.

The archives also has audio and video tapes available for loan. These recordings, which document regional politics, environmental issues, economic development, religion, traditional arts and crafts, oral traditions, midwifery, farming, music, folklore, horse trading and other topics, can enrich many courses in the school curriculum. A guide to these recordings will be sent free to teachers upon request. Several of the archives' audiovisual collections are indexed in this guide, providing the user with information contained in these recordings. The guide includes a brief description of each tape along with indexes to performers, song titles and subjects. These audio and video tapes may be borrowed for classroom instruction.

Included in the resources of the archives are 41 sets of documentary photo aids on a variety of topics in U.S. history and current events. Each set deals with a specific topic and includes from 10 to 68 11" by 14" reproductions of photographs, cartoons, documents, paintings and front pages of newspapers. These sets may be borrowed for three weeks at no charge.

"Tennessee's Mountain Heritage," three half-hour programs, is designed to provide listeners with an entertaining and educational overview of various aspects of regional social history and folklore. The programs, which are available on cassette tape, were developed from the collections in the archives and incorporate oral history interviews along with traditional music. An educational packet, including a guide on collecting family folklore and history by Dr. Richard Blaustein, accompanies the series.

Speakers from the archives are available to work with classes and to describe the resources; to demonstrate methods for the preservation and conservation of paper and photographs; and to provide hands-on experience in working with documentary materials.

Visits to the archives for instruction on resources will be arranged by the staff with requested.



Mike Holland, Appalachian State University, explains the procedures for encapsulating documents.

GRANT NEWS

The past two months have brought much progress with the Archives of Appalachia/Appalachian Consortium grant which is sponsored by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Thirty-eight participants attended the archival training workshop for regional archivists held at Mars Hill College on Nov. 15, 1984. Dr. Barry Buxton, executive director of the Appalachian Consortium, opened the workshop with a brief talk about the Appalachian Consortium and the grant project. Guest speakers were Terry Birdwhistell, University of Kentucky; Anne Campbell, University of Kentucky; Malinda Crutchfield, Appalachian Consortium; Richard Dillingham, Western Carolina University; and Charles Robb, Berea College. Each of the guest speakers in turn discussed arrangement and description; conservation; audio/video tapes and photographs; fundraising, grant-writing, and outreach activities.

The participants were very enthusiastic about the hands-on training and demonstrated a real interest in each session. We hope the training workshop will contribute to the preservation of our region's heritage.

HELLO, GOOD BYE

In September BARBARA MINOR joined the archives staff as a library assistant, replacing Kathryn Wilson. A native of Elizabethton, Ms. Minor graduated from ETSU in 1964 and taught fifth and sixth grade in Atlanta, Ga. and Washington County, Tenn. Prior to joining the archives she was branch manager of the Johnson City office of Magnet Mortgages of West Virginia. Ms. Minor and her husband, Charles, have one daughter, Whitney, who is 14. Ms. Minor will be responsible for our publications and vertical files as well as overall management of the office. She is the pleasant voice that answers the phone as well as the person who meets all our new researchers. We are glad to have Ms. Minor, who is also an excellent cook, with us.

Two of our student assistants recently left the staff. GREG TAYLOR, who had been in charge of processing the ELIZABETHTON STAR negative collection and assisted with the East Tennessee Light and Power Company records, graduated in December with a B.S. in business. Taylor's major was accounting, and we will especially miss his ability to explain complex financial records as well as his musical talents. LEE BURROW, who has been with the archives since 1979, will receive his degree in special education this June and resigned to complete his student teaching. Burrow specialized in photographic collections and recently completed processing of the Ken Murray collection with his usual flair and expertise.

MARTHA EGAN, our graduate assistant since July, also resigned this fall to return to school full time. Ms. Egan and the students completed a number of processing projects this year, and we are grateful to her for her contributions to the archives.

EXHIBITS

The fall exhibit featured Pat Alderman, colorful Unicoi County historian and musician from Erwin. The exhibit presented his recognition as an honored citizen of Tennessee and the area and his accomplishments as a musician, a historian and a naturalist.

The current exhibit highlights Appalachian music. Beginning with the ballad and string traditions, the exhibit progresses through the changes brought about by radio, stage programs and recordings, featuring the stars of country music. The exhibit concludes with the preservation of the tradition at ETSU and features Thomas Burton, Ambrose Manning, Richard Blaustein and Jack Tottle.

Jo Ruth Counts of the Sherrod Library cataloging department contributed to the exhibits by providing the titles in calligraphy for the four cases. We appreciate Jo Ruth's talent and her willingness to assist us in assembling these exhibits.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Norma Thomas, technical services archivist, received her M.A. degree in history at the fall commencement on Dec. 15. Mildred Kozsuch carried the library banner.

The fall meeting of Tennessee Archivists was held in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on Nov. 1-2. Ellen Garrison, Mildred Kozsuch and Norma Thomas attended the meeting.



On Nov. 28 Norma Thomas and Martha Egan went to the Greene County courthouse to advise and assist the Greene County Historical Society in processing and preservation of the county records.

In the photo to the left Norma Thomas, Mrs. Ozelle Scruggs and another member of the Greene County Historical Society are packing and arranging the court records. (Photograph courtesy of Bill Wilburn of the GREENEVILLE SUN)

The Watauga Historical Association met Nov. 12 in Elizabethton, Tenn. Director Garrison spoke on "The State of Franklin."

Archives outreach programs have been shown to diverse groups including John Sevier Senior Citizens, Mt. View United Methodist Church in Kingsport, Joyce Squibb's students at Science Hill High School and several classes on campus.

On Oct. 9 Director Garrison was the speaker for the Andrew Johnson Club in Greeneville, Tenn. Her topic was an overview of the Archives of Appalachia.

In November the Franklin Council of the Social Studies held their fall meeting on the ETSU campus. The council visited the archives where Dr. Garrison presented a slide/tape program on the purposes and operations of the archives along with a demonstration on how teachers might use archival resources in their instruction.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA

BISHOP, HELEN INTERVIEW, 1 audio cassette tape. Taped interview by Ricky Johnson of Helen Bishop concerning her life in Bean Station, Tenn. Donated by Ricky Johnson, Bean Station, Tenn.

BLAUSTEIN, RICHARD COLLECTION, April 1984. ADDITION 4 videotapes. Videotapes of the Homefolk Festival held at ETSU including the performance of Dr. Blaustein with Dixie Dew Drops. Donated by Dr. Richard Blaustein, director of the Institute for Appalachian Affairs, ETSU.

BURLESON, BERNEY PAPERS, 1930, 1984. 0.25 l.f. Correspondence, newsclippings, photographs and bulletins relating to Burleson's involvement with the First United Methodist Church in Johnson City, Tenn., Kiwanis Club, Community Theater and sports supporters clubs. Donated by Berney Burleson, Johnson City, Tenn.

CANTOR, BERNARD C. PAPERS, 1973-1983. ADDITION. 0.5 l.f. Arbitration awards and labor contracts relating to Cantor's work as a labor arbitrator in the south-eastern United States. Donated by Bernard Cantor, Johnson City, Tenn.

GRIFFIN, JUNIUS PAPERS, 1962 1 Scrapbook. Newsclippings of an Associated Press news series on civil rights submitted by Griffin in conjunction with other AP reporters for the 1962 Pulitzer Prize. Donated by Junius Griffin, ETSU.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. PLAT MAPS, 1958-1965. 1.f. Oversized maps of Johnson City, Tenn. Donated by John Campbell, Johnson City city manager.

KRUG, JULIUS PAPERS, 1946-1952 0.25 l.f. Routine correspondence, photographs and invitations relating to the tenure of Krug, of Knoxville, Tenn., as secretary of interior under President Harry S. Truman. Subjects include the proposed statehood of Alaska, the introduction of color television, Krug's resignation, wartime Japanese relocations and reparations and political patronage appointments and Democratic politics. Donated by Bruce McArdle, Kingsport, Tenn.

MORRIS, THOMAS HIGHLEY PAPERS, 1882-1948. 2 l.f. Correspondence, legal files, newsclippings, photographs and a copy of his book, SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT: THE HOPE FOR OWNERS OF MODERN INDUSTRY. Papers relate to Morris's publication, his work as an attorney for World War I veterans and his family history. Donated by Elizabeth Highley Morris (Roberts) Bowers, Johnson City, Tenn.

STATE OF FRANKLIN MAP, undated. 1 item. Reprint of a 1792 map of the south-eastern United States showing the State of Franklin. Donated by Mildred Kozsuch, Archives of Appalachia, ETSU.

TAYLOR, BENJAMIN HARRISON PAPERS, undated. ADDITION. 1 item. 1 oversized poster picturing the Honorable Alf Taylor during his campaign for the Governor of Tennessee. Donated by Mary Ann Bidenbaugh, Tatus, S.C.

UNICOI COUNTY, TENN. RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION TAPES, 1984. 9 cassette tapes. Taped interviews of various individuals from Unicoi County conducted by the Retired Teacher's Association as a part of their oral history project. Deposited by Jane Headley, Johnson City, Tenn., on behalf of the association.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENN. COMMISSION RECORDS, 1984. ADDITION. 0.25 l.f. Meeting minutes, courthouse facility study, correspondence, balance sheets, resolutions and technical reports relating to business before the county commission. Donated by Dr. Robert Patton, ETSU health education department.

ZIMMERMAN, CALVIN PAPERS, 1940-1948. 6 items. Letters to Calvin Zimmerman, a North Carolina judge, from the office of Thomas E. Dewey, three-term governor of New York and Republican presidential candidate. Donated by Bruce McArdle, Kingsport, Tenn.

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA AND UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES RECORDS, 1977-1984. 4.5 l.f. Correspondence, grant proposals, newsletters, brochures and administrative forms which concern the creation and function of the archives including the design of the brochure, storage of manuscripts and records and publication of the newsletter. Transferred by Dr. Ellen Garrison, director of the Archives of Appalachia.

DEAN OF STUDENTS RECORDS, 1943-1976. ADDITION. 13.5 l.f. Correspondence, committee meeting minutes, student lists and handbooks covering such topics as freshman orientation, Parents Day and Honors Day. Transferred by Vergie Frisco on behalf of the office of the vice president of student affairs.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY RECORDS, 1976-1984. ADDITION. 0.25 l.f. Newsletters, newsclippings, programs, photographs and budgets relating to the activities and membership of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for women educators. Donated by Dorothy Baird, ETSU curriculum and instruction department.

ETSU CONVOCATION TAPES, October 1984. 2 videotapes. Videotape of convocation speech and interview of Dr. James Fisher. Donated by Tom Headley, ETSU communications department.

ETSU FACULTY BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1911-1961. 0.5 l.f. Bibliographic cards listing the publications of the ETSU faculty.

UNIVERSITY FORUM TAPE, May 1984. 1 cassette tape and typed transcript. Tape and transcript of discussion concerning the Center for Appalachian Studies aired on the University Forum by WETS-FM. Donated by Dr. Fred Borchuck, director of Sherrod Library, ETSU.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS ATHLETES CATALOG, 1919-1961. 1.5 l.f. Card file of all male and female athletes which include such information as the sport, position and year played.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In the past months, the Archives of Appalachia has received several publications relating to local history and Appalachia. Terry L. Miller of Johnson City, Tenn. donated THIS PROUD LAND: THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS by John Foster West and Bruce Roberts. Jesse Mills, librarian with TVA, contributed THE CANTILEVER BARN IN EAST TENNESSEE by Marian Moffett and Lawrence Wodehouse. A copy of John C. Peyrouse's dissertation, "Oliver Taylor: A

Regional Theatre Man in Southern Appalachia," was given to the archives by Oliver Taylor of London, England. Two United States Department of the Interior/National Park Service studies, DANIEL BOONE TRAIL: DRAFT NATIONAL TRAIL STUDY and DANIEL BOONE TRAIL: FINAL TRAIL STUDY, were donated by the department. Martha Trevathan and Ken Harrison, both employed by the Veteran's Administration in Johnson City, contributed a photocopy of THE NATIONAL SANITARIUM edited by Quin E. Donathan.

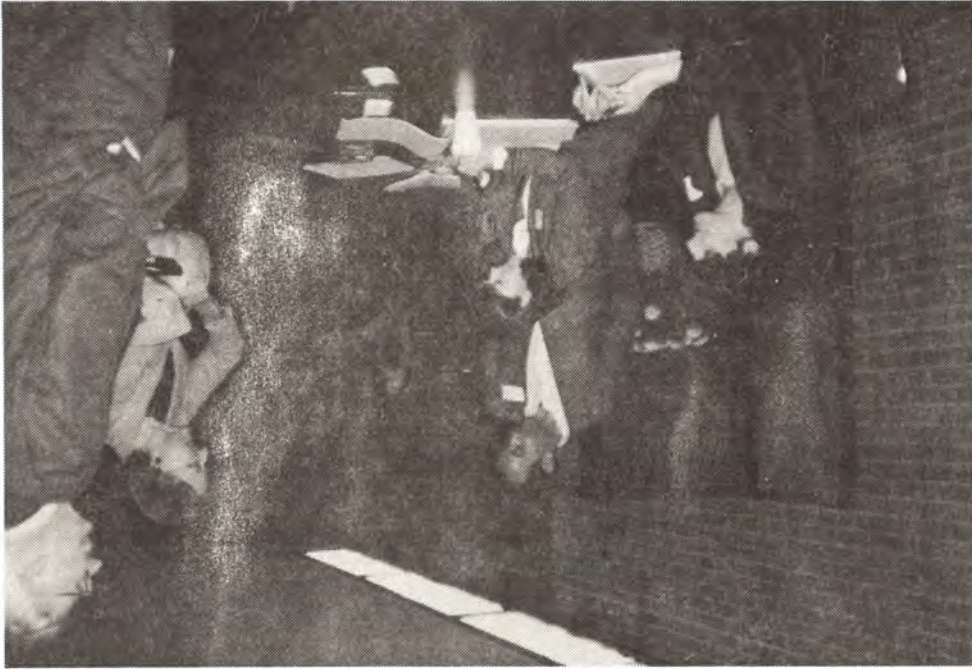
Two serial publications have also been donated in recent months. Dr. Thomas Burton, ETSU English department, contributed the newsletters of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, D.C. dating from November 1968 to November 1984. Copies of the APPALACHIAN TRAILWAY NEWS, 1939-1983 was donated by the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Richard Kesner, former director of the Archives of Appalachia, sent copies of his recent books, AUTOMATION FOR ARCHIVISTS AND RECORDS MANAGERS and MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN LIBRARIES; James Mooney, ETSU communication department, donated copies of the PIRATE PRESS, June 1969 - October 1973, and the EAST TENNESSEAN, November 1972 - May 1978. In addition, the 1930 issues of THE CHALK LINE were given by Dr. James Loyd, ETSU dean of admissions.

MISCELLANEOUS ACQUISITIONS

In addition, miscellaneous newsclippings and photographs concerning topics such as Unicoi County, Tenn.; State of Franklin; Washington County, Tenn.; and ETSU graduation have been added to the archives collections by the donations of Hazel Gann, Erwin, Tenn.; Jack Stansbury, Hampton, Tenn.; Dan Mack, Johnson City, Tenn.; Jeffery Jenkins, Kingsport, Tenn.; and James Loyd, ETSU.

Norma Thomas, Kathy Wheelock, and Richard Dillingham register participants at the archival training workshop. (See page 2)



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