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# Archives of Appalachia NEWSLETTER



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## MILDRED KOZSUCH RETIRES

On September 27th the staff of the Archives of Appalachia hosted a reception honoring Mildred Kozsuch on the occasion of her retirement from the Sherrod Library. Special guests at the reception were Mildred's son Sandhi, director of operations for WCYB-TV in Bristol, and her brother, Carl Spaulding, of Sunnyvale, California. At the reception Dr. Fred Borchuck, director of the Sherrod Library, presented Mildred with an engraved silver tray, a gift from the library staff, and a certificate of appreciation from the university. (See photo below).



Mildred's association with East Tennessee State began in 1955 when her father, Dr. Kenneth Spaulding, joined the economics faculty. She holds a master's degree from the University, and worked with the Dallas, Texas public library and the Kingsport public school system before joining the library faculty in 1968. She worked in the cataloging department until 1978 when she became one of the first staff members of the Archives of Appalachia.

During her tenure at the archives, Mildred made many invaluable contributions. She processed numerous collections, most notably the

D.P. Culp records. She shared our slide/tape programs and her knowledge of photographic preservation with audiences throughout East Tennessee. What we remember best is her unfailing good nature; her patience and perseverance in answering reference questions; her detailed and irreplaceable knowledge of not only our holdings, but also of local, regional and university history (we still call her when we're stumped) and her inventive holiday decorations.

Since retiring Mildred has continued to pursue her interest in genealogy and local history. Tom Hodge, editor of the **JOHNSON CITY PRESS**, praised her recently published **HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES OF CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE** as "fascinating reading." We wish Mildred well in her endeavors and look forward to seeing her frequently as a researcher.

### **ETSU CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY**

On October 10, 1985 East Tennessee State University kicked off its 75th anniversary year with a proclamation ceremony in the Carroll Reece Museum. President Ronald Beller spoke and read a proclamation to commemorate the dedication of East Tennessee State Normal School on October 10, 1911. Since that dedication the institution has grown from a two-year normal school with 236 students to a four-year university with approximately 9,500 students.

ETSU's 75th anniversary coincides with Tennessee Homecoming '86, a state-wide celebration inaugurated by Governor Lamar Alexander to give Tennesseans pride in their state and in their heritage. The university has been recognized as an official Homecoming '86 community, and the 75th anniversary activities will be part of this state-wide celebration.

The community heritage project for Homecoming '86 is the establishment of a collection of documents and items relating to the 75th anniversary in the University Archives and Reece Museum. The archives will receive copies of each printed brochure, program and flyer along with minutes, memoranda, correspondence, and other records generated by the 75th anniversary program committee and its subcommittees, while the Reece Museum will receive memorabilia produced to commemorate the anniversary year.

Throughout the anniversary year various events are planned to mark the 75th birthday. Among these events are a Presidential Distinguished Lecture Series; photographic exhibits at various locations on campus; music and dance concerts; a tennis tournament; and a road race. Specially planned for the fall of 1986 is a birthday party, complete with cake, reenactment of the original dedication ceremonies, and burial of a time capsule.

In addition to participating in the Homecoming '86 community heritage project, the archives is taking part in the celebration in a number of ways. Together with the English Department the archives is sponsoring a student writing contest in which students will write essays that focus on an aspect of the university's history. A selection of these will be published in the fall, 1986.

The archives also is presenting a series of exhibits revolving around university themes. The two exhibits already shown focused on anniversaries and other celebrations in ETSU's history and on 75 years of sports at the university. Future exhibit topics include graduation through the years, professors yesterday and today, the changing campus, and 75 years of student life.



President Ronald Beller, Penny White, president of the National Alumni Association, and Guy Trawick, president of the Student Government Association at the 75th anniversary proclamation ceremony.

#### **ARCHIVES ACQUIRES FIRST STEREOGRAPH**

In November the Sherrod Library purchased for the archives its first stereograph. Dated approximately 1896, the stereo view depicts a downtown Johnson City scene which includes a crowd of citizens, the railroad tracks and several buildings at Fountain Square. A brief history and description of Johnson City is printed on the back of the card. Stereographs (a pair of photographic prints of the same scene mounted adjacent to each other on a card which produced a three-dimensional image when viewed through a stereoscope) were popular from about 1858 to 1920.

## WELCOME ABOARD

Dr. Marie Tedesco, formerly of the Atlanta branch of the National Archives, has joined our staff as public service archivist. She will be responsible for assisting researchers, developing exhibits, editing this newsletter, and presenting outreach programs. She will also help with arranging and describing collections and library and university committee work.

Dr. Tedesco holds a B.A. in history and sociology from Marietta College, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Georgia State University and earned a certificate in archival administration from Emory University in 1985. She has taught history at Texas Tech University, North Dakota State University and Southern Technical Institute. A specialist in United States history of science and women's history, she has presented and published several papers in those fields, including pieces on Antoinette L.B. Blackwell, a nineteenth-century American feminist.

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Appalachian Consortium, in cooperation with the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services (CASS), has published **A PORTRAIT OF APPALACHIA** by center fellow and archives' donor Kenneth M. Murray. On December 6 the consortium and CASS honored Murray with a reception in the B. Carroll Reece Museum, where prints of photographs in the book have been added to the permanent collection. A number of these prints are on display in the Museum's Frontier Room. Murray, an award-winning photographer currently on the staff of the **KINGSPORT TIMES-NEWS**, in 1983 donated over 500 of his earlier works to the archives.

On October 30 director Ellen Garrison participated in a session on archival outreach at the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists held in Austin, Texas. Gretchen Whisnant of the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services prepared a poster which illustrated the slide-tape shows available from the archives and the effect of its outreach programs on the archives' research use. Director Garrison also served as a member of the program committee for the annual meeting.

Norma Thomas spoke to the Sons of the Confederacy in Blountville, Tennessee on October 17. She delivered a paper on the Tennessee Sixtieth Mounted Infantry, a Confederate unit formed in Washington County in 1862.

Marie Tedesco attended the Society of Georgia Archivists fall workshop held in Atlanta on November 21-22. The workshop emphasized automation and certification of archivists.

In September Jae-Lak Shim of Seoul, Korea joined the Archives staff as a graduate assistant. He is working on his master's degree in history.

Overmountain Press recently published a history of Carter County, **HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES OF CARTER COUNTY, TENNESSEE** by former staff member Mildred Kozsuch. The book originally was begun in 1902-03 by Nathaniel Edens Hyder. Mrs. Kozsuch did additional research and writing in completing this work. She also illustrated the book with photographs of various Carter County persons and places.

#### NEW RELEASES

**CLINTON: AN IDENTITY REDISCOVERED**, eds. Margaret Anderson and Robert Marlowe (1985) was written in preparation for Tennessee Homecoming '86. The book consists of six chapters. The first provides an overview of Clinton's history, 1782-1985, while the other five examine the following topics: Clinton's "liveability," law and government, education, religion, and business and industry. The book also contains 16 pages of photos which document the town's past.

**UNION'S HERITAGE** is a 29 page publication on the history of the Union Church of Christ, Washington County, Tennessee. The booklet contains a brief history of the church, as well as reminiscences of church members and photos of both the members and the church building as various stages during the church's past.

**ARCHIVES IN APPALACHIA: A DIRECTORY** consists of main entries describing 181 repositories in south central Appalachia (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia) which hold historical records documenting the political, social, cultural and economic history of the region. Each main entry (based on a questionnaire completed by the repository staff) provides information on the name, location, and hours of the repository; the type of material held by the repository; the broad subject areas covered by the records; the geographical area the records cover; and the inclusive dates and size of the holdings. Also included are indexes by type of material (e.g. photographs, audio/visual) and by subject, a map showing the counties covered by the directory, and a list of "Coming Attractions", agencies which do not currently collect manuscript materials but which plan to do so in the future. The directory was compiled by the Appalachian Consortium as part of a project funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Copies are available for \$2.00 from the Appalachian Consortium, University Hall, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina 28608.

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

### ARCHIVES OF APPALACHIA

**BURTON-HEADLY PAPERS**, 4 August 1985. 1 cassette tape. Tape recording by Dr. Thomas Burton of a Canton, North Carolina church service in which Sheriff Jack Arrington was bitten by a snake. Donated by Thomas Burton, ETSU.

**COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA. EAST TENNESSEE OFFICE RECORDS**, 1959-1979. Addition. 7 l.f. Handbooks, reports, teaching materials, procedures manuals, correspondence, posters and blank forms regarding training union leaders, grievance procedures and union policies. Donated by Communication Workers of America office, Johnson City, Tennessee.

**HYDER, ORIS FILM COLLECTION**, 1930-1959. 20 reels of 16 mm movie film. Home movies by the Hyder family relating to family activities and scenes at Milligan College and Roan Mountain, Tennessee. Donated by Oris Hyder.

**KINCH, WILLIAM LOUIE PHOTOGRAPHS AND NEGATIVES**, 1950-1975. 24 l.f. Photographs and negatives of individual portraits, aerial and commercial photographs for businesses in the Johnson City, Tennessee area. Includes photographs for the ETSU annuals. Donated by Anna Kinch.

**LEONARD, GRAHAM PAPERS**, 1952-1955. 21.f. Incoming and outgoing correspondence, financial ledgers, class notes and memorabilia concerning the former tri-cities resident's religious philosophy, teaching activities in Jordan and conscientious objection to the Korean War. Donated by Diane Black.

**MARTIN, ISABEL PAPERS**, 1957-1968. 1 l.f. Contains photographs, slides, 8mm films, reports and leaflets relating to a school camp for fifth graders at Buffalo Mountain in upper East Tennessee. The camp focused on outdoor activities and ecology. Donated by Isabel Martin.

**REECE, LEMUEL C. PAPERS**, 1919-1969. 0.1 l.f. Memoranda, poems, newsclippings, expense ledger relating to Reece's service in the Army and membership in Veterans of Foreign War and the Tennessee Society in Washington, D.C. Donated by Diane Black.

**WORLD WAR II IN EAST TENNESSEE COLLECTION**, c. 1945-1975. 0.5 l.f. Includes copies of photographs and oversized posters from the ETSU history department's exhibit "World War II in East Tennessee." Majority of items relate to Holston Army Ammunition Plant in Kingsport, Tennessee. Donated by Colin Baxter, ETSU.

## UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

**OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, 1959-1984.** 10 l.f. Minutes of President's Council, Academic Council and Curriculum Committee and general office files including correspondence, reports, memoranda and student lists relating to the Nave Paramedical School in Elizabethton, Tennessee; Faculty Senate; and Dean's List. Transferred by Patsy Pickle on behalf of the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

**DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES RECORDS, 1977-1983.** 9.5 l.f. Addition. Correspondence, faculty load reports and evaluations, graduate assistant agreements, general office files, committee and task force reports relating to the activities of the Dean's office and its interaction with the various departments. Transferred by the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences.

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY UNITED FUND RECORDS, 1966-1975.** 1.5 l.f. Correspondence, reports, lists of donations and blank forms relating to campus fund raising campaign for United Way. Transferred by University Relations Office.

**UNIVERSITY RELATIONS OFFICE RECORDS, 1970-1983.** 4 l.f. Addition. Press releases and newsclippings concerning persons and events connected with East Tennessee State University. Transferred by University Relations Office.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In memory of Gordon Aronhime, Pollyanna Creekmore donated a 1967 reprint of J.G.M. Ramsey's **ANNALS OF TENNESSEE**; Gene Aiken donated and edited **MOUNTAIN WAYS: AN ALBUM OF THE SMOKIES**; and Bruce A. McArdle donated two works: **MEMORIAL ADDRESSES ON THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF WALTER P. BROWNLOW** and **MEMORIAL ADDRESSES ON THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF ZEBULON BAIRD VANCE.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

The Archives thanks the following donors for a variety of items relating to Appalachian culture, local and university history:

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