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From the Chair

Just a few lines about...

As I write this, I am listening to the Congressional Hearing as the Chairman/CEO of Goldman Sachs attempts to explain the actions and inactions of his firm. Ironically, perhaps I have just spent the last two days listening to the Federal Depository Library Council and the representatives of the Government Printing Office explain their actions and inactions. [Shari Laster](#) of the University of Akron has been [blogging live](#) throughout many of the sessions held in these first two days. We are told that the transcripts of the Council sessions will be available soon via [FDLP Desktop](#).

By way of confession/full disclosure, let me say I am licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio. While I claim no expertise from experience in any courtroom, I believe myself to be a pretty good judge of character with a relatively high work ethic. With those prefaces aside and as a pretty loyal attendee of the FDLP Conferences, I usually come away from the conferences with a balanced feeling of exhilaration and frustration. This time was different.

The conference began for me with attendance at the session where we were shown a step by step of the FDSys process of the ingesting of a test document into the system and were mostly able to see the various steps occur live in front of us. Further, the relevant GPO staff members were able to show us two years of the Statutes at Large in their FDSys format. Nicely done.

Next, the first Plenary Session included the speeches of the present Public Printer, Bob Tapella and the acting Superintendent of Documents Ric Davis. I got the distinct impression that Mr. Tapella, while citing his own remarks regarding the present nominee to replace him, was extremely disappointed that he was not invited to continue in his present role. Mr. Tapella delivered the portions of the update of the FDLP program to the Librarian Community as I have heard him at the start of each Conference. Those remarks, again, included the facts that: the FDSys is not completed; the budget for the present fiscal year was inadequate to meet the promised benchmarks from the Fall 2009 Conference; and the projected budget for the present fiscal year will be inadequate and so some of the whistles and bells to be included in Release 1 have been put off, for now. Clearly, after too many years of waiting for the promises of former Public Printer Bruce James that rolled off his tongue so easily to come to fruition, the current bright shiny object in the air tactic to placate the community is to lower expectations. Perhaps it is my advanced age or the early onset of Alzheimers, but I do not recall hearing any equivocation in the twice a year pronouncements of what we could expect in just 6 months.

In contrast, the acting Superintendent of Documents presented his update with all his usual decorum and sincere concern. The speech was replete with specifics, albeit too many examples of contracting out activities which even the most modern day conservative would be forced to admit were essential governmental functions. The balance of the Plenary Sessions were Council's questions for GPO on various topics and the Chair's expectation/hope was to have the community engage as well. Some attendees did go to the microphone but more did not. What the chair thought would be encouragement was most likely viewed as scolding. Further, it may not have been the best strategy to continually suggest that community silence sh/would be viewed as assent. In my view, most of the chair's questions had been asked and answered within the context of events that had transpired and/or milestones unreached at the time they were originally proffered.

The final session I attended was an overview of the FDLP Community site which appears to be a social networking site (somewhat like Facebook) dedicated to the flow of ideas between FDLP people. The program and the question and answer period were outstanding and clearly the most informative session I attended. The understaffed group responsible for the creation and maintenance of the FDLP Community has truly done "more with less."

As I leave this meeting with my imbalanced feelings of exhilaration and frustration leaning strongly toward the latter, I will need to analyze whether my continued attendance is worth the cost to me or my institution.

Hope to see you all in Columbus for the Spring OH GODORT meeting on Friday, May 21, 2010.

*Schuyler Cook, Chair of Ohio GODORT
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library*

From the Editor's Desk

Thanks to all of you who sent me such interesting articles and news items! As you can see, we're continuing to report on transitions within the Ohio government documents community. This issue, we regretfully say good-bye to a number of longtime colleagues. The Ohio government documents community is losing many years of experience and knowledge. It's trite to say that the most important thing in a library is the people who work there, but we all know it's true. No matter how great our collections are, our most valuable assets are the people who make the materials in the collections discoverable and accessible. This is particularly true in government documents where valuable information may be hidden in web sites or documents with rather unprepossessing and/or indecipherable titles.

I hope everybody enjoys this issue. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring meeting!

*Carol A. Singer, Editor
Bowling Green State University*



**Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio
Fall Business Meeting
Case Western Reserve University Library
November 6, 2009**

In Attendance

Christine Adams, Cheryl Burden, Schuyler Cook, Ken Goldberg, Audrey Hall, Karen Kimber, George Kline, Roger Kosson, Cheryl Lubow, Andrea Peakovic, SaraJean Petite, Peter Thayer, Karen Thornton, John Skutnik, Charlene Willey, Jill Williams

Welcome from Chair

Schuyler Cook welcomed the group.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The Treasurer's Report and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Report from the State Library

Audrey Hall told the group about OhioLink's Digital Resource Commons, the State Library's "Help in Tough Times" webinar, the State Library's promotion and awareness initiatives, and the State Library's observance of Depository anniversaries. She encouraged the group to visit the new Census site at <http://2010census.gov> and added that there is a link from the State Library's home page.

Audrey asked if anyone had questions about the Biennial Survey. Peter Thayer asked about the survey question regarding the number of potential users. Audrey referred people to Ask GPO's answer. (Use your congressional district population as number.) Karen Thornton had problem with her password and received a "We will answer" reply. Audrey asked if she'd tried it with different cases, as it could be case-sensitive. Charlene Willey asked how to handle if she shared users with another library. Audrey said both libraries could claim them.

The State Library was sponsoring "Library Leadership 2010," a week-long seminar for people interested in taking a leadership role in librarianship. It was scheduled for July 25-30 in Millersburg, Ohio. *(When SaraJean spoke with Audrey on 3/22/2010, Audrey said the event had been cancelled due to lack of attendees.)*

Audrey asked the group how many Ohio Depositories added Ohio documents to their catalog. She asked about electronic-only records and print continued by electronic. She asked if there was anything that could be done to help libraries add these records to their catalogs. Peter Thayer asked how comprehensive the paper shipping list was. Audrey said that quarterly shipping list was everything they'd received for distribution. Ohio Documents (online) includes everything, even if the State Library is the only library that receives copies. The digital collection list is monthly, and is divided by serial and monograph.

Chris Stanton, a practicum student who will graduate in December, is prioritizing Ohio documents for digitization based on their condition.

The digitization of pre-1900 Reports for the Ohio School of the Deaf is almost done. The State Library is investigating grants for a color scanner. Currently, Shannon [Kupfer](#) is the only person doing digitization.

Report from the Executive Board

Schuyler Cook reported that the board had discussed the de-duping of Ohio Book Depository. The Ohio Book Depository is moving towards a shared catalog with its own location code on OhioLink and collective ownership of the items in storage. There were concerns about statistics and disposal of duplicates. In addition, there are some tangible government documents in the Book Depository. Schuyler told Dona Straley (the Statewide Library Depository Coordinator) that the U.S. Depository items were property of the federal government and could not be discarded. He also mentioned that Donna should speak with Audrey Hall because of Ohio documents. Donna told Schuyler that government document materials were segregated so they wouldn't be part of de-duping project. Schuyler is amazed at how educated (library) people aren't aware of the ownership issue. Schuyler will keep in touch with Dona on this issue.

George Kline expressed concern that libraries that were not part of OhioLink would have limited access to these materials. Karen Kimber explained that nothing had changed, and public libraries could still access them.

Schuyler reported that the board had passed resolutions honoring Karen Kimber and George Kline. Then, he read a letter from George Barnum congratulating Karen Kimber and George Kline on their retirements.

Voting on Bylaws Change

At the spring 2009 business meeting, the membership discussed making the Access to State Government Information and Publications Committee into an ad-hoc committee. To do this, Bylaw 6, section 2, Subsection B needed to be repealed and the sections of the bylaws that follow it needed to be renumbered.

SaraJean Petite moved that this change be made. George Kline seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Membership Committee

Coleen Parmer was not present and was unable to send a report.

Newsletter Committee

SaraJean Petite read the following statement from Carol Singer: *Issue 71, the Fall 2009 issue of Docs Prescriptions was published to the Ohio GODORT web site Oct. 29, 2009. I'd like to thank everybody who sent me such interesting articles and point out that it's not too early to think about writing something for the Spring 2010 issue. And don't forget to send me your news items and photos of documents parties and celebrations!*

GODORT of Ohio Home Page Committee

Schuyler Cook reported that Mark Gooch said everything is progressing well.

GODORT / ALA Liaison

Joe Salem was not present and did not send a report.

Archives Liaison

Audrey Hall has been putting documents in archives as she receives them. There have been several documents related to the Clyde Award. She would like to have all the documents related to the Clyde award in archives, including the nomination letter. She requested permission to purchase a hanging file frame system. SaraJean moved to reimburse her for this expenditure. Schuyler Cook seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

OhioLink Liaison

Karen Kimber mentioned that other than the statewide storage facility, there was not much to report. OhioLink has gotten back Capitol Connection. Audrey asked about location of repository. Karen said it wouldn't be a separate physical location, but there would be one bibliographic location.

Report from FDLC

Audrey Hall said 14 Ohio librarians attended. There were good break-out sessions, and it was difficult to decide which to select.

PURL Issues

Peter Thayer said that quite a few people were unhappy about PURL issues. Some Council members expressed their disgruntled... GPO "we're doing what we can" boilerplate answer.

Digitization

Peter Thayer reported that there was a message from GPO saying that the "dark archive" has gone by the wayside. The GPO would like to go ahead with digitization, but they are putting the onus on Depository libraries to do the digitization initiatives. The attendees knew that going in, but it is still disturbing. Some people have been letting GPO know that they're waiting for GPO to make the first move, and then they'll join.

Another group (including Peter) is not going to wait for GPO on digitization and electronic initiatives. He described this as a "grass Roots" movement. He gave a presentation reflecting that. He said that Depositories have the know-how to do this. His goal is to plant seeds and give people the baton so they can run with it. Depositories can improve electronic access to documents. Sooner or later, GPO would get the point and decide to do something, also. Another presentation by Rebecca Blakely, from

Louisiana, was about libraries taking on initiative for making their own digital depositories. This is not just digitizing their print materials. Digital depositories would include state and federal documents, commercial products, things from NGOs, and GovTrac. The plan is to turn all of that into an electronic depository and find ways to make it accessible: "Let's make our own FDSys"

SaraJean Petite asked if GPO was still coordinating digitization projects. Peter said they still had the Registry, but there was an issue of how the categories were on the site. Schuyler said they weren't posted by title. "This is what YOU wanted" was Robin Hahn-Mohammed's reply.

GPO History

Peter Thayer reported George Barnum headed a team doing a presentation on GPO history. Peter said the topic didn't sound sexy, but if anyone knew how to make something sexy, it was George. The presentation was phenomenal. GPO was practicing racial integration before the rest of the country caught on. There was comprehensive training program for line workers. Andrea Peakovic added that George's presentation had "a lot of really great photographs."

Item Numbers

Schuyler Cook said that instead of going to George Barnum's presentation, he sat through an item number presentation and heard more of "They're going to try to fix it." Schuyler described it as "a total balance of aggravation and invigoration."

New Business: Census Resolution

Roger Kosson from Dennison brought message from Mary Prophet:

Please consider following course of action:

1. *Resolution in support of 2010 census. (handout)*
2. *Ohio GODORT become official 2010 Census Partner*
3. *Form Ohio GODORT Committee to look at Best Practices*
4. *On individual basis, get involved with local "complete Count" committee*

Audrey Hall moved to pass the resolution. Schuyler Cook, Karen Kimber and George Kline seconded it simultaneously. The resolution passed. SaraJean Petite will fill in blank and ask Mary Prophet who should get the resolution in hard copy.

Andrea Peakovic and Schuyler Cook said that becoming a Census Partner was covered in the resolution.

Volunteers were requested for a committee, but no one volunteered. Peter Thayer said that academics should encourage students to get registered. Andrea Peakovic asked if Mary Prophet or Tom Adamich wanted to be on the committee. Roger Kosson was willing to serve, but didn't want to take Mary's place. Schuyler Cook said that in lieu of a committee, everyone present should commit to promote the census and get a scanned copy of the resolution or a link to the scanned copy on our websites. Schuyler Cook made a motion that this would be done, John Skutnik from Akron Public seconded it, and the motion passed.

New Business: Bylaws Changes

SaraJean Petite presented proposed language to prescribe how and when the transfer should take place when a new secretary/treasurer was elected. She stated that in the past, there had been difficulties with the transfer, and she wanted the organization to avoid future difficulties.

New Business: Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 21, 2010 at the State Library of Ohio.

Charlene Willey asked how GODORT decided on the date of the spring meeting. She was told that it was usually the Friday after Mother's Day, but this year, the room was unavailable on that date, so a different date was chosen.

Adjourn

SaraJean Petite moved to adjourn, George Kline seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,
SaraJean Petite
Secretary/Treasurer

Do you know your Congressional representative?

If not, use the links on USA.gov's page for contacting elected officials:

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

Contact your representative's office and introduce yourself.

Make him/her aware of the valuable services your depository can provide to his/her constituents!

Treasurer's Report



Ohio GODORT Spring Meeting Treasurer's Report May 21, 2010

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance October 30, 2009			\$4113.38
INCOME:			
Dues:	\$80.00		
Interest:	\$2.68		
Payments for Lunch:	\$80.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 162.68		
EXPENSES:			
Awards presented at fall meeting		(\$95.71)	
Refreshments for fall meeting		(\$234.00)	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$329.71)	
Ending Balance April 30, 2010			\$3946.35

SaraJean Petite
Secretary/Treasurer

News from the State Library

From Audrey Hall, State Library of Ohio

New Staff

Beverly Cain has been appointed to be the new State Librarian of Ohio beginning June 1, 2010. She has 23 years of library experience in Ohio and has been the Director of the Portsmouth Public Library System since 1997. Beverly earned a Master of Public Administration degree in 2009 and a Master of Library Science degree in 1986 from Kent State University. She also has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Akron. She is the current President of the Ohio Library Council, a member of the Board of Directors of the Scioto County Law Library Resources Board, and has served as a member or chair person to numerous local, state, and national committees.

Katie Sabol has joined the staff as Reference Services Librarian. Katie has an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the Ohio State University, and has an MLS from the University of Pittsburgh. Katie has solid experience performing virtual and in-person reference work in public, academic and special libraries. Her most recent experience as a reference librarian was at the Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

Serial Set

All residents of Ohio with a State Library of Ohio card now have additional access to the Serial Set. In April 2010, the State Library purchased online access to the Lexis-Nexis Serial Set Digital Collection in full text from 1970-2003. The expected completion date for loading these publications is in 2010. On going additions will update holdings from 2004 to current.

On May 25, there will be an online PowerPoint presentation The U.S. Congressional Serial Set your primary source for history and genealogy questions. The 30 minute OPAL class will be given at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration will be online at WebJunction Ohio Training and Events calendar. <http://oh.webjunction.org/1>

New Resources

The state session laws module of HeinOnline has been added as a resource available to state employees. Non state employees may contact the Reference Desk for search assistance. The module includes all states, many from the beginning of statehood, and the U.S. Statutes at Large from 1789 to 2007. The files are searchable. Ohio session laws are available from 1803-2004.

Some WestLaw data bases are now available but only in house at designated computers. Again, the reference staff will be glad to assist with searches. Ohio Jurisprudence 3d is part of the WestLaw package. Our print volumes will not be updated. Forms from Ohio and selected other states are in the package as well.

Poster Contest

The State Library of Ohio will be promoting the Gov Doc Kids Group 2010 Constitution Day Poster Contest through their various public information resources. The State Library and Ohio GODORT are new sponsors for the poster contest.

Around Ohio

Bowling Green State University

Coleen Parmer and **Mary Reynolds** have both announced their intention to retire as of June 30, 2010. BGSU is losing more than fifty years of experience, in addition to losing friends and colleagues. Coleen and Mary will be greatly missed by the entire library staff!

Kellie Tilton will receive her MLS this month and, consequently, will leave BGSU later this summer. Kellie has been a great colleague for us and we'll miss her!

Ohio State University

Sherry Moeller resigned from the Ohio State University Libraries, effective the end of 2009. We wish Sherry all the fun and joys of being a full time mother!

Graham Walden has been appointed Government Documents Librarian as of January 1, 2010. He'll be very busy as this is in addition to his previous responsibilities as a subject bibliographer and as Acting Coordinator of Collections. Good luck, Graham!

University of Akron

Jill Williams is retiring as of May 31, 2010 from the University of Akron Law Library. Congratulations to Jill! We hope she'll have a wonderful retirement!

77 Years to Celebrate—March, 1933 to April, 2010—a Last Hurrah

By Coleen Parmer, Bowling Green State University



Cynthia Etkin, Coleen Parmer, Sara Bushong (Interim Dean, BGSU)

Bowling Green State University celebrated our 77th anniversary as a federal depository library this April. We were privileged to have Cynthia Etkin, GPO Senior Program Planning Specialist, as our main speaker. Cindy, well known to Ohio depository folks,

spoke about the FDLP program—its mission, goals, and services, and what it means to be a depository. She presented a certificate from GPO to our Dean, Sara Bushong, recognizing BGSU's participation as a depository since 1933.

Despite busy schedules, several Ohio depository colleagues were able to join us, including: Mary Prophet, Claudia Dansby, Shari Laster, George Kline, and Schuyler Cook; and we received congratulations from many of our Ohio documents friends. Congressman Latta, called back to Washington, D.C., sent his Deputy District Director, Everett Woodel. All in all, it was a happy event with a friendly and boisterous crowd.

Beth Hofer, Mary Reynolds, Kellie Tilton, and I had a wonderful time planning this celebration. However, it was a somewhat poignant affair as we realized that this would be our last documents department event. Beth retired two years ago, and Mary and I are retiring this summer, June 30th. Kellie, our part-time staff member graduates with her MLS this month and will be leaving BGSU sometime in August. I know we all look forward to an exciting future, but I know we will also miss the work that has kept us all passionately committed to the program and our work. We'll miss our colleagues, we'll miss our users, and we'll even miss the challenges and frustrations of government documents. And although the documents staff are all leaving, the work of the department will continue.

Government Documents processing will be incorporated into the Collections and Technical Services Department while public services will fall to Library Teaching and Learning Department where our good friend and colleague, Carol Singer, resides. We leave our work in good hands and reassure BGSU staff that the Ohio Documents community will provide all the support and advice they could ever ask for.



The Government Documents Crew: Beth Hofer, Mary Reynolds, Kellie Tilton, Coleen Parmer

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to All Ohio Depositories Having Anniversaries in 2010!

165th (Became a Federal Depository in 1845):
Ohio Wesleyan University

125th (Became a Federal Depository in 1885):
Columbus Metropolitan Library

60th (Became a Federal Depository in 1950):
Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County

45th (Became a Federal Depository in 1965):
Ohio Northern University, Jay P. Taggart Law Library
Wright State University

40th (Became a Federal Depository in 1970):
Malone College
Municipal Reference Library (Cleveland)



Commissioner of Indian Affairs Annual Reports Bring History Alive for Students

By Coleen Parmer, Bowling Green State University

“The men were separated as has already been said from the women, and they were surrounded by the soldiers. Then came next the village of the Indians and that was entirely surrounded by the soldiers also. When the firing began, of course the people who were standing immediately around the young man who fired the first shot were killed right together, and then they turned their guns, Hotchkiss guns, etc., upon the women who were in the lodges standing there under a flag of truce, and of course as soon as they were fired upon they fled, the men fleeing in one direction and the women running in two different directions. So that there were three general directions in which they took flight. There was a woman with an infant in her arms who was killed as she almost touched the flag of truce, and the women and children of course were strewn all along the circular village until they were dispatched. Right near the flag of truce a mother was shot down with her infant; the child not knowing that its mother was dead was still nursing, and that was especially a very sad sight. The women as they were fleeing with their babes on their backs were killed together, shot right through, and the women who were very heavy with child were also killed. All the Indians fled in these three directions, and after most all of them had been killed a cry was made that all those who were not killed or wounded should come forth and they would be safe. Little boys who were not wounded came out of their places of refuge and as soon as they came in sight a number of soldiers surrounded them and butchered them there.”

American Horse, witness to the Battle of Wounded Knee Creek. (1891 Annual Report, p.180-181)

Students who seek primary sources in Native American research will find a treasure trove of stories like the one above. Indeed the 1891 *Annual Report* contains accounts of a whole series of horrendous events leading up to the Wounded Knee Massacre and includes a cast of characters who are historic household names like Sitting Bull and Buffalo Bill Cody.

In a letter dated October 17, 1890, James McLaughlin, an Indian Agent at Standing Rock, North Dakota, describes the "Messiah Craze".

"I feel it my duty to report the present craze and nature of the excitement existing among the Sitting Bull faction of Indians over the expected Indian millennium, the annihilation of the white man and supremacy of the Indian, which is looked for in the near future and promised by the Indian medicine men as not later than next spring, when the new grass begins to appear, and is known among the Sioux as the 'return of the Ghosts'."

"They are promised by some members of the Sioux tribe, who have lately developed into medicine men, that the Great Spirit has promised them that their punishment by the dominant race has been sufficient, and that their numbers having now become so decimated will be reinforced by all Indians who are dead; that the dead are all returning to re-inhabit this earth, which belongs to the Indians; that they are driving back with them, as they return, immense herds of buffalo, and elegant wild horses to have for the catching; that the Great Spirit promises them that the white man will be unable to make gunpowder in future, and all attempts at such will be a failure, and that the gunpowder now on hand will be useless as against Indians, as it will not throw a bullet 'with sufficient force to pass through the skin of an Indian; that the Great Spirit had deserted the Indians for a long period, but is now with them and against the whites, and will cover the earth over with thirty feet of additional soil, well sodded and timbered, under which the whites will all be smothered, and any whites who may escape these great phenomena will become small fishes in the rivers of the country, but in order to bring about this happy result the Indians must do their part and become believers and thoroughly organize." (Annual Report, p.125)

It is clear that the agents find this belief in the Indian Messiah and the Ghost Dance alarming. November 15, 1890, Agent Royer telegrams from the Pine Ridge Reservation that,

"Indians are dancing in the snow and are wild and crazy. I have fully informed you that employees and Government property at this agency have no protection and are at the mercy of these dancers. Why delay by further investigation? We need protection, and we need it now. The leaders should be arrested and confined in some military post until the matter is quieted, and this should be done at once." (Annual Report p.128)

November 28, 1890. McLaughlin sends a telegram to the Commissioner for Indian Affairs, T.J. Morgan, which describes the arrival of William F. Cody.

"William F. Code (Buffalo Bill) has arrived here with commission from General Miles to arrest Sitting Bull. Such a step at present would be unnecessary and unwise, as it will precipitate a fight which can be averted. A few Indians still dancing, but does not mean mischief at present. I have matters well in hand, and when proper time arrives can arrest Sitting Bull by Indian police without bloodshed." (Annual Report, p.331)

Hindsight reveals the irony of such assurances; we know what is to follow in just a few short weeks, and there will certainly be bloodshed--prodigious amounts. The reader is left with the helpless feeling that a tragedy relentlessly approaches and nothing can be done to avert it.

“At daybreak, December 15, 39 Indian police and 4 volunteers went to Sitting Bull's cabin and arrested him. He agreed to accompany them to the agency, but while dressing caused considerable delay, and during this time his followers began to congregate to the number of 150, so that when he was brought out of the house they had the police entirely surrounded. Sitting Bull then refused to go and called on his friends, the ghost dancers, to rescue him. At this juncture one of them shot Lieutenant Bullhead. The lieutenant then shot Sitting Bull, who also received another shot and was killed outright. Another shot struck Sergeant Shavehead and then the firing became general.” Commissioner of Indian Affairs, T.J. Morgan. (Annual Report, p.129).

The stage is set and the inevitable tragedy of Wounded Knee unavoidable. Commissioner Morgan describes the “Fight at Wounded Knee Creek” occurring on December 29, 1890.

“When the military-a detachment of the Seventh Cavalry (Custer's old command), with other troops began to take the arms from their persons [Big Foot's band] a shot was fired and carnage ensued. According to reports of military officers, the Indians attacked the troops as soon as the disarmament commenced. The Indians claim that the first shot was fired by a half crazy, irresponsible Indian. At any rate, a short, sharp, indiscriminate fight immediately followed, and, during the fighting and the subsequent flight and pursuit of the Indians, the troops lost 25 killed and 35 wounded, and of the Indians, 84 men and boys, 44 women, and 18 children were killed and at least 33 were wounded, many of them fatally. Most of the men, including Big Foot, were killed around his tent where he lay sick. The bodies of women and children were scattered along a distance of two miles from the scene of the encounter.” (Annual Report,p.130).

The Appendix includes an “Account given by Indians of fight at Wounded Knee Creek, S.Dak.” which paints a even more vivid picture of what eventually became known as the Massacre of Wounded Knee. American Horse whose account begins this article, was one of several witnesses who recounted the tale in grim and heart-rending detail. (Annual Report, p.179-181)

According to Wilcomb Washburn, the incumbent Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been required, since 1832, “to write an annual report that reviews the state of Indian affairs in the country and to make recommendations for change”. Excerpts from some of these annual reports are published in Washburn's *The American Indian and the United States: A Documentary History*. (Washburn, p.3) It is difficult to know for sure what years these reports were actually published. Washburn includes excerpts from some of the reports ranging from as early as 1826 to as late as 1963.

The Office of Indian Affairs was established in 1824 as a branch of the War Department. This department received the reports of special agents and superintendents sent among Indian tribes and annually transmitted to Secretary of War by The Commissioner of Indian Affairs. These annual reports were subsequently forwarded to the Congress. “The reports, even though they represent the official voice of the U.S. government, contain the most authoritative and extensive information for understanding the history of Indian-white interaction.” (Washburn, p.4)

Tracking the Annual Reports requires the persistence of a blood hound as they meander from agency to agency, but the content is well worth the hunt. *Checklist of United States Public Documents, 1789-1909* traces the Office of Indian Affairs from the War Department, 1824-1848 (W 1.1:) through its move to the Interior Department in 1849 (I 1.1: and I 20.1). Often the Commissioner Reports were issued as a part of or supplement to the parent department annual reports. They were also disseminated as Congressional editions in the U.S. Serial Set. (p.493 Checklist).

Bowling Green State University Library purchased the *Indian Commissioner Annual Reports 1824-1949* on microfiche from NCR Microcard Editions a number of years ago. I've been encouraging the students in History 319 (Indians in American History) to use them with less and less success, even though the content is perfect for their research needs. The microfiche are old, faded, and difficult to use. Last year I set out to find a replacement for our set and discovered that some libraries have been digitizing some of the reports. Unfortunately the holdings are scattered and incomplete and they are quite difficult to locate. Just as I was about to give up on finding a complete collection, I ran into a sales representative from the Hein Company at the 2009 Fall Depository Library Conference. Hein had just released a product, *HeinOnline U.S. Department of the Interior Library*. This database contains collected U.S. government reports, legislation, legal decisions, papers and policies published between 1789 and 1995 by the Department of the Interior, with an emphasis on Indian Affairs. My primary interest was in the Indian Commission Reports, 1838-1957, which are full-text and searchable; however, there are a host of primary resources such as the *American State Papers: Indian Affairs (1789-1827)*, the *Department of the Interior Grazing Decisions (1936-1958)*, and the *Handbook of Federal Indian Law (1940)* that have been useful too. We were able to purchase *HeinOnline* for \$495. It's been an extraordinary bargain and we've certainly gotten our money's worth this year. As with any new online resource, it's hard to say whether the price will remain stable as Hein adds more content. For more information you can contact Roxanne Marmion, Sales Representative, rmarmion@wshein.com

Documents librarians know the value of our historic publications, but we often are challenged when we try to convince students that documents tell a fascinating story about our county and our people. I've been introducing the students in the Indian in American History class to the *Indian Commissioner Annual Reports* over the past thirty years with mixed success. These reports provide a vivid portrait of life among the Native American people and bring history alive but their format has been a deterrent to all but the most dedicated students. This year the History class embraced the *Reports* in the Hein database with great enthusiasm. Their instructor, Dr. Danziger, told me that nearly every student in the class cited it in their research papers. Providing full-text access to these reports has convinced students that documents can be exciting and easy to use.

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A winning poster by Jasmyn Coleman, age 9, from Yokota West Elementary School in Yakota, Japan

Winners Announced in Constitution Day Poster Contest

The winners have been announced for the Third Annual GovDoc Kids Group **Constitution Day Poster Contest**. There are 13 national winners, from eight states and Japan. There were a total of 2,395 entries to the contest. The complete list of winners is available at: www.govdocs4children.pbwiki.com

According to a Dec. 1, 2009 press release: "The posters celebrate the U.S. Constitution by highlighting the Bill of Rights, voting rights, and the need to preserve liberties." Congratulations to all the winners!

Now Online: Oral Interview with Grace York

Already missing all of the great finding aids made by Grace York, who recently retired from the state to the north? GODORT has placed an oral interview with her on the Internet. To read the interview, go to:

http://wikis.ala.org/godort/images/5/5a/Grace_York.pdf

To find other oral interviews from GODORT, see:

http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/Oral_Histories

At this site, you'll find oral interviews with Judy Russell, Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Fran Buckley, and Andrea Severson. GODORT is looking for experienced government documents librarians to contribute to this project on the history of government documents librarianship. If you would like to be involved, please contact Tanya Finchum, tanya.finchum@okstate.edu

History Digitized

From Carol A. Singer, Bowling Green State University

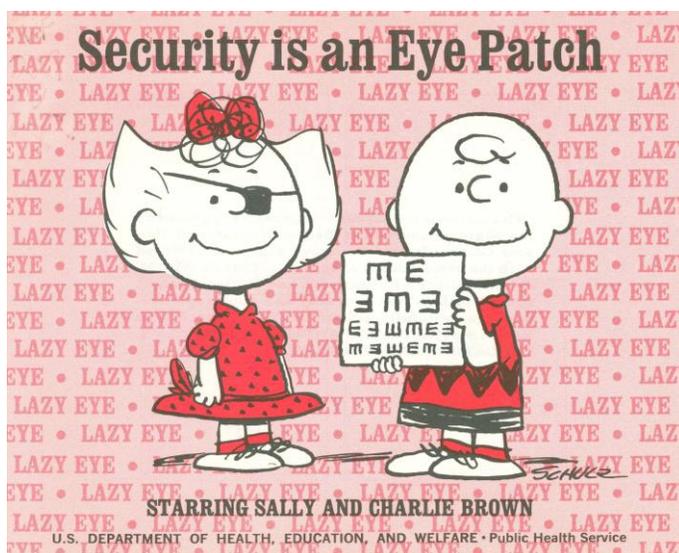


Image from Government Comics Collection

Government Comics Collection

<http://contentdm.unl.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/comics>

Are you longing to see the “9 Lives of El Gato the Cat” or “Sprocket Man” or the Blondie comics published by the State of New York’s Department of Mental Hygiene? This is your source. The University of Nebraska Lincoln has digitized more than 180 government-produced comic books.

World War II Government Publications

<http://lib.bsu.edu/cdm4/collection.php?CISOROOT=/WWIIGovPubs>

This collection, provided by Ball State University, includes digitized copies of government documents published by agencies during World War II. Examples of the

contents include: "Communal Air Raid Shelters," "Root Vegetables in Wartime Meals," "Vegetable Gardening in Wartime," "Songs for the Home Front," and "Enemy Fire Bombs."

World War II Films

<http://libx.bsu.edu/cdm4/collection.php?CISOROOT=/WWIIHistFilm>

Many of the digitized films in this Ball State University collection were produced by government agencies. Titles include: "Battle of Britain," "Farmer at War," "What's Happened to Sugar?" and "Black Marketing."

Displaced Persons Commission

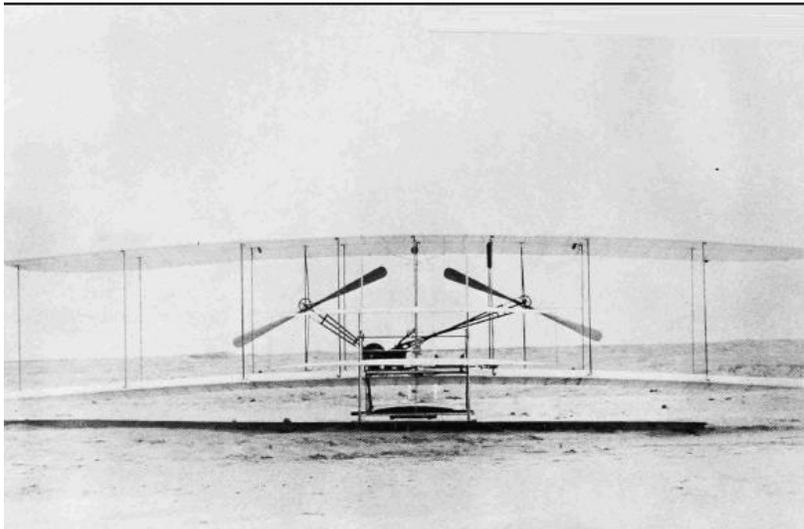
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The University of South Dakota has placed the semiannual reports made by this commission to the President and the Congress on a page for the Government Documents Department. These reports, about World War II refugees, cover 1949-1951.

Peace Corps Digital Library

<http://collection.peacecorps.gov/index.php>

If you need any information about the history of the Peace Corps, look no further than this site. This site contains digitized newsletters, photos, legislative documents, posters, and other documents from 1961 to the present.



Picture from *The Wright Brothers' Engines and Their Design*, by Leonard S. Hobbs, published by the Smithsonian Institution Press.

http://www.sil.si.edu/smithsoniancontributions/AnnalsofFlight/SC_Authors.cfm

Smithsonian Institution Digital Library

<http://www.sil.si.edu/DigitalLibrary.cfm>

This site includes digitized copies of many of the Smithsonian series, such as Smithsonian Contributions to History and Technology, the Smithsonian Contributions to Anthropology, and the Smithsonian Folklife Studies.

State and Provincial Papers of New Hampshire

<http://www.library.unh.edu/diglib/bookshelf/NHPapers/>

This is a searchable and browsable collection of town papers, journals of the General Assembly, probate records, court records and other public documents from 1623-1800.

Constitution Finder

<http://confinder.richmond.edu/>

This searchable database includes copies of modern and historical constitutions from countries worldwide. This site is maintained by the University of Richmond.

Documents on Australian Foreign Policy

<http://www.info.dfat.gov.au/historical/>

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has compiled this searchable and browsable database of transcribed documents of interest to those studying foreign policy in Australia. Documents are arranged by year and include memos, cablegrams, reports, agenda, etc. Current available documents cover 1937-1959.

Margarita S. Studemeister Digital Collections in International Conflict Management

<http://www.usip.org/library/pa.html>

This site, from the United States Institute of Peace, includes several digitized collections: the Peace Agreements Digital Collection, which includes international peace agreements since 1989, and the Truth Commissions Digital Collection, which includes papers and reports from truth commissions and similar groups published since 1974.

International Affirmation of the Armenian Genocide

<http://www.armenian-genocide.org/affirmation.html>

Documents from international organizations and countries worldwide about the Armenian genocide in the early 20th century.

JACAR: Japan Center for Asian Historical Records

<http://www.jacar.go.jp/english/index.html>

A searchable database of official Japanese government documents from the Meiji Era through 1945. Documents include those of the Cabinet, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Army and the Navy.

Looking for Previous Issues of Docs Prescriptions?

Beginning with Issue 47 (Summer 1998), issues are available full text online at:

<http://www3.wooster.edu/library/gov/ohgodort/docsrx/index.htm>

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Membership dues for 2010-2011 (only \$20.00) are due at the Spring Meeting.

Send your checks made to "GODORT of Ohio"
To SaraJean Petite (see address above)

Ohio GODORT Spring Meeting, May 21, 2010
The State Library of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio

Preliminary Agenda

9:30-10:00 Registration and Refreshments

10:00-10:15 Welcome

10:15-11:15 Program

Program: "Web 2.0 and Depository Web Sites--A Winning Combination"

Presenter: Peter Thayer, Reference and Access Services Librarian, Marietta College

Find out how you can incorporate Web 2.0 elements, such as delicious tag clouds and bookmarks, IM widgets, and RSS news feeds into your depository web site.

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:00 Lunch. Box lunches available at \$6.50 per lunch. (See details below)

12:00-2:00 Business Meeting

For meeting information contact Andrea Peakovic at peakovic@kenyon.edu or 740-427-5658.

Ohio GODORT Spring Meeting
May 21, 2010

Box Lunch Order Form
Order must be received by Monday, May 17, 2010
Email Audrey Hall, ahall@library.ohio.gov or call 614-995-0033

**The cost is \$6.50 for the boxed lunch which includes a drink.
Please pay the treasurer at the meeting.
Make checks out to Ohio GODORT.**

SANDWICH

- Turkey and cheese
- Ham and cheese
- Roast Beef and cheese
- Vegetarian
- Tuna

Boxed lunches include sandwich, chips, salad, baked goodie or fruit. Sandwiches include lettuce, tomato or pickle, mayonnaise and mustard on the side.

DRINK

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| Coke _____ | Diet Coke _____ |
| Pepsi _____ | Diet Pepsi _____ |
| Sprite _____ | Root Beer _____ |
| Water _____ | Mountain Dew _____ |

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Food is made and prepared by the Student Catering Service at the Ohio School for the Blind.