



Doc's Prescriptions

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TO THE MEMBERS:
JEFF WANSER, PRESIDENT

In keeping with custom, I shall attempt to fill the front page of the next several issues of this newsletter with wisdom, or whatever I can get to pass for it. I must start off by thanking the people who helped me through my sentence as Program Chair this last year. First, Coleen Parmer did a wonderful job as President, and gave me soothing encouragement as well as sound advice in putting programs together. I'd also like to thank George Barnum for aiding and abetting the program process, and for volunteering to be this year's Program Chair/President Elect. George was mercifully absent from the cut-throat election in May, but is now at his desk hard at work planning the Fall program. Lastly, I would like to thank the program participants from Fall and Spring who gave their time and effort to enlighten us: Jean Sears, Barbara Hulyk, and Eric Honneffer, as speakers, and Sherry Mosley, Carol Singer, Clyde Hordusky, and George Kline, as panel discussants.

Speaking of Sherry and Carol, I think all of us are going to miss their expertise and comradeship in Ohio. I spoke with Carol on her last day of work; she's finished with her portion of the Core Collection project, and is on her way to the Department of Energy. Good luck to both of you.

There will be an Executive Board meeting sometime in August (date to be determined) to create the outlines of the Fall meeting. If you have any suggestions or ideas (or criticisms) for the Fall agenda please contact Karen, Nani, George, or me. Julie Houston has already offered a suggestion about increasing public relations efforts by our group. Will Julie suffer the same fate as Anne Zald, and find herself a

committee chair? We'll find out in the Fall. Also in the Fall, we will undoubtedly continue our discussion of the State Union List, and we may get to see our portable documents display.

Are we Ohio GODORT or GODORT of Ohio? Is there a difference? Does anyone care? I bring this up because my first act as President was to write letters to the WHCLIS delegates in support of the resolution passed at the Democracy Conference. I had looked at the by-laws, where we are officially "GODORT of Ohio", and noticed the discrepancy with our letterhead, which proudly proclaims "Ohio GODORT". DOC'S PRESCRIPTION uses the latter on the masthead, while our organization pamphlet (remember that?) has both! Is this an issue? I'll be polling people informally.

I will be on sabbatical from June 17th through the end of August, and so will be more difficult than usual to contact. You can leave a message at Hiram's Reference Desk, at 216-569-5357, or fax at 216-569-5491, or you can call me at home evenings at 216-285-0976, if it can't wait.

The next newsletter will announce the Fall meeting and tell you more about the program. We seem to be heading for a technological focus, with demonstrations of Cleveland Free Net and lots of other good stuff.

Congratulations to Cheryl Paine, who has been elected Convener of the Northeast Ohio Documents Group. So many organizations, so little time.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Happy Summer, it is hot in Cincinnati and has been hot for a long time. It is time to start thinking about snow or at least to start thinking about what we are going to do with the snowfall forecasts and water runoff reports.

Has anyone used the National Climatic Data Center Bulletin Board? Does anyone have any comments or suggestions on getting the Daily Treasury Report on-line instead of processing it on a regular basis? Perhaps it is wishful thinking, but it seems as if it would be easier to get the information on demand, instead of keeping records on a daily basis.

One of my projects for August is to sign on and use some of the federal bulletin boards. The hard part is getting our telephone system, the computer and the instructions all in the same place at the same time. I think that it works best with three hands.

I also want to thank Coleen for her contributions to the group as President and especially for her contributions to DOC'S PRESCRIPTIONS. She has volunteered to write a series of articles for the coming issues, the first will appear in the fall issue. Evron Collins and George Barnum are taking a vacation this issue, but they will return in the Fall. We have an article by a visiting map librarian in this month's issue, Richard Spohn is the Map and Geology Librarian at the University of Cincinnati.

I am looking forward to working with Jeff and George, as officers of the group and as contributors to the newsletter during the coming year. Karen Kimber, University of Dayton, and Evron Collins, BGSU, have volunteered to help Nani Ball prepare a series of interviews with the former presidents of Ohio Godort. If you would like to help on this project, please contact Nani. The Fall meeting will be the 10th anniversary of the first Ohio documents group meeting.

Ken Grabach, Miami University, will be doing an Ohio documents column in future issues. If you have any questions or suggestions for articles, please contact him.

This issue also includes a short article by Ted Hull, who is at the National Archives. He has submitted several very informative items to GovDoc-L. The one in this issue is on the Vietnam Era records that are available from the Center for Electronic Information at the National Archives. Ted has also sent to GovDoc-L information on other records that are available at the Center. They include material from the FAA, CAB, Federal Outlay files (1968-1980), distribution of military funds, and the IRS.

When I was at the National Archives in May for the "Going to the Source Workshop," I met Ted and Margaret O'Neil Adams. They were most helpful and very willing to share their knowledge and material. If you have any questions about the material available at the Center for Electronic Information, I recommend that you contact them. I have copies of the GovDoc-L messages on the other topics and also a copy of the print out of the Center's holdings.

I was able to attend the presentation of the memorial for George Kosman at Case Western Reserve University. Jeff Wanser made the presentation to D. Kay Gapen, Director of the University Library on behalf of Ohio GODORT. It was a very nice reception; I am sorry that more Ohio Godort members were not able to attend. A copy of the book plate created for the volume by Peg Partington, is included in this issue. George Barnum also prepared a very nice exhibit of other rare and valuable documents in the CWRU collections.

EDITOR'S BULLETIN BOARD

AROUND THE STATE

Ohio has sent many Document Librarians out into the world in the past year. We have not heard from Carol Singer since her move to Washington, but we are looking forward to hearing about her adventures.

Sherry Mosley is doing well at Florida International University and is learning how to communicate electronically. Her bitnet address is MOSLEYS@SERVAX.bitnet.

George Jackson, formerly of the OSU Law Library is now at the University of Minnesota Law Library. His bitnet address is GJACK@UMINN1.bitnet.

Clyde Hordusky reports that the Ohio State Library is subscribing to the CIS 1909 Checklist Microfiche. He also has the ASI Microfiche from 1973-1975, 1990+ The CIS Hearings Microfiche Sets are now complete and available for use at the State Library.

The Clermont College branch of the University of Cincinnati has dropped their federal depository status. This will be effective the 1st of August.

The Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky Document Group (OKy Doc) met at Miami University on July 25th to discuss our participation in OhioLINK and other document concerns. Jean Sears also gave us a hands on demonstration of MU

new online catalog. "Sherlock" is run on the same software that will be used for OhioLINK. Miami has started to load the current OCLC document records into their online catalog.

Mary Prophet, Denison University, has prepared database files for her poster and non-USGS map collection. They were created on dBASE. There are 748 records in the poster database. If you have dBASE and are looking for a way to keep track of your posters, you may want to contact her for a copy. We are going to create a subject report and keep it on the poster case to help patrons locate posters.

OHIO DOCUMENTS

Ohio Poverty Indicators: Volume Five, published by the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland is now available. The cost is \$10. CEOGC also publishes Poverty Indicators for Cuyahoga County. It also costs \$10. Their address is 668 Euclid Avenue, Suite 700, Cleveland OH 44114.

We have also received a notice that the 1989 Vital Statistics Annual Report is available from the Ohio Department of Health. The report cost \$9 and must be prepaid. The easiest way to get it may be to contact Donna Smith, Health Policy Data Center, 614-466-7545 for a copy of the invoice/notice. Ask to be placed on the mailing list they are maintaining for this title for future issues.

Ken Grabach at Miami University will be contributing information on Ohio documents to DOC'S PRESCRIPTIONS in the future. He has volunteered to do a regular column. If you have any questions on locating information in Ohio documents, or discovering what is available please contact him at 513-529-3341 or e-mail kgrabach@miamiu.bitnet. He would also be interested in learning about new and different Ohio documents that you have discovered.

I received the following from Ken as his first unofficial contribution:

I was asked by Janita Jobe, University of Nevada-Reno, who is editor this year of the State Documents column of GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS REVIEW's Notable Documents issue (Nov.-Dec.) to submit, a few brief reviews of notable Ohio publications. I was very pleased to be asked, and eager to see Ohio appear in this issue, as I believe this would be the first time. I had only a short amount of time to select and prepare the titles for the review, so I was unable to let the membership of Ohio GODORT know and request suggestions for any who cared to reply. The reviews will be brief, about 55 words each; I was limited to about three titles,

that have appeared before May 1991. I selected:

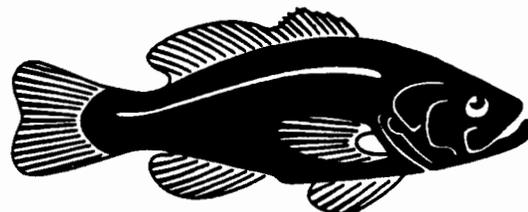
Ohio Lands: A Short History, 3rd edition, (Auditor of State, OAU 1.16/13:991); Wild Ohio: Division of Wildlife Newsletter (Dept. of Natural Resources, ONR 246.24/16:); Genealogy: Helping you Climb Your Family Tree, (State Library of Ohio Occasional Paper, OL 1.15/2:3/2); The Second Ohio Historic Bridge Inventory, Evaluation and Preservation Plan, (Ohio Dept. of Transportation, (OTP 1.2:B 85/3/990); and the 1981-1989 Ohio Documents List, (State Library of Ohio). (This list was prepared by the Document Department Staff at Ohio University and is very much appreciated. Judy Dazo and her staff are to be commended for their efforts. ED.)

I told Ms. Jobe that I would be interested in preparing reviews for next year's list. I will be happy to receive suggestions for titles to include.

ON EXCHANGE

On April 25, 1991 the Joint Committee on Printing held an oversight hearing on "Government Information as a Public Asset." Bill Sudduth, University of Richmond, submitted a report of the hearing to GovDoc-L. He included the following from Ridley Kessler's testimony:

Document librarians believe in two things. One is that there should be a public bibliographic record of every document produced whether it be paper, microfiche, CD-ROM, or electronic data base, except for those publications that can clearly be shown to be secret or limited to official use only. The second thing we believe in is cost free public access to this material by the general public through the depository library program. That is the sum total for our reason of being, it is the core of our professional creed, it is our political commitment, and last but not least it is our passion. We hope that you will join us in trying to find solutions to this problem and that you will help us protect and defend the Depository Library Program and the public's right to free access to government information.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Maps of major military installations arranged by state are available in Military Construction Appropriations for 1991, p. 55-135 (Y 4. Ap 6/1:M 59/6/991/pt.1)

The Kentucky State Data Center is selling census tract outline maps for the Kentucky counties. The maps cost \$6 per sheet and most counties are on individual sheets. This agency also publishes a newsletter and is a good source for current Kentucky statistics. KSDC Urban Research Institute, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292.

LC Copyright Office Bulletin #R23, The Copyright Card Catalog and the Online Files of the Copyright Office describes what is available at the Copyright Office, if you want to do your own searching for a copyright.

A list of Medicare approved heart transplant facilities is published in the Medicare Hospital Manual (HE 22.8/2:).

HAVE YOU SEEN

Computers and Privacy: How the Government Obtains, Verifies, Uses and Protects Personal Data.

(GAO/IMTEC-90-70BR) The General Accounting Office surveyed 178 federal agencies and found 2,000+ different computerized systems that contain information on individuals. They also discovered that not all systems are reported in the Federal Register as required by the Privacy Act.

"Noise in the Library: Effects and Control," by Ann Eagan and "The Green Librarian: Caring about the Environment--Inside and Outside the Library," by James LaRue and Suzanne LaRue in the February, 1991 issue of Wilson Library Bulletin.

The October 1990 issue Computers in Libraries has articles on dBASE IV and Windows 3.0 if you are considering purchasing this software. "dBASE IV, Version 1.1," by Karl Beiser is on pages 32-36 and "Windows 3.0: Confessions of a Convert," by Dan Marmion is on pages 21-25.

If you are concerned about the security of your public workstations, you may want to read "Security and the PC-based Public Workstation," ONLINE, September 1990, pages 63-70.



ACCESS TO STATE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Printed below is the text of a proposal that was passed, unamended, at the spring meeting of Ohio GODORT on May 24, 1991.

Proposal: That a committee be formed of the membership of Ohio GODORT to monitor issues of access to state government information and publications. The charge of this committee would include the following:

- 1) To assess the extent of agency compliance with Ohio Revised Code chapter 149 and other relevant sections of the law, particularly with regard to public access to government information and the distribution of copies of publications to depository libraries;
- 2) To monitor activities of the legislature which have bearing on access to information or publications produced by state agencies;
- 3) To establish the membership of Ohio GODORT and other interested parties to lobby with agencies and the legislature to effect strong policies of support for public access to state government information;
- 4) To cooperate with the State Library of Ohio and the Documents Specialist to further the aims public access to state government information and publications.

Committee members who volunteered at the spring meeting are, in alphabetical order: Beverly Gage, Denison University; Clyde Hordusky, ex officio; Ruth Levor, University of Cincinnati Law Library; Coleen Parmer, Bowling Green State University; Melanie Putnam, Ohio State College of Law Library; Anne Zald, Oberlin College. The committee welcomes suggestions from the membership of Ohio GODORT and will keep them informed of our progress through the pages of DOC'S PRESCRIPTIONS, as well as at the membership meetings. Please forward all suggestions to the committee coordinator, Anne Zald, Reference Dept., Oberlin College Library, Oberlin, Ohio 44074 or call 216-775-8285.



EPA PUBLICATIONS CLEARINGHOUSE: A BRIEF DESCRIPTION

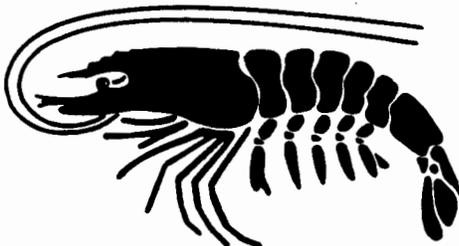
One of the major goals of the EPA is to facilitate public access to the Agency's technical and nontechnical reports. Subsequently, the EPA is proposing the establishment of a clearinghouse of all Agency publications in Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to distributing and storing documents, a key component of the clearinghouse will be customer and information services support. Initially, the clearinghouse will be supporting EPA program and regional offices, EPA libraries, and the EPA Public Information Center in ordering and identifying specific documents. Customer and information services support will be coordinated with the Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center Library in Cincinnati. Long-term plans include direct public access. Other key components will be the production of the documents, quality assurance of document content and numbering, and coordination of availability of all documents with NTIS and GPO.

There are potentially several key management positions to direct the EPA Publications Clearing house: 1) EPA Clearinghouse Manger who is responsible for all operations of the Clearinghouse; 2) Customer and Information Services Support Manages who is responsible for providing assistance to customers with their orders and identifying documents that will meet the customers; information needs; 3) Operations Manger who is responsible for managing the physical facilities and overseeing the distribution of documents.

Anyone who is interested in positions for this challenging and exciting project, please contact:

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VIETNAM WAR RESEARCH SOURCES AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

BY THEODORE HULL

NARA, CENTER FOR ELECTRONIC RECORDS

The following was originally sent out on GovDoc-L:

Recently published in PROLOGUE: QUARTERLY OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES is a three-part article describing records related to Vietnam. The first part, by Charles Shaughnessy, describes the scope and content of the textual records collection. Approximately 30,000 cubic feet of materials created in the Republic of Vietnam by army commands and Joint Services headquarters were transferred to the National Archives in 1987. To date, about half have been processed and about 6,000 feet open to researchers. An estimated 5,000 cubic feet of records remain closed due to their security classification.

The second part of this article is by Margaret O'Neill Adams of the Center for Electronic Records. She describes the variety of records in the Center's collection as split into two main categories; military and nonmilitary records.

Military records include the following: Combat Area Detail and Summary Files (OPREA), 1961-1973; Combat Naval Gunfire Support File (CONGA), Mar. 1966-Jan. 1973; Mine Warfare Activities File (MINEA), May 1972-Jan. 1973; Naval Surveillance Activities File (NAVSA), Feb. 22, 1966-Dec. 9, 1972; Situation Report Army File (SITRA), 1966-1973; the [Southeast Asia] Casualties Database, Hamlet Evaluation System (HES), Jan. 1967-Jan 1974; Herbicide File (HERBO-2), 1965-1970; Military Prime Contract File, Jan. 1969-June 1972; Combat Operations Loss and Expenditure Data-Vietnam, 1968-1970; National Police Infrastructure Analysis System (NPIASS), Subsystems I and II, 1971-1973; and the Army Adjutant General's Center Casualty Information System, 1961-1981.

Nonmilitary records cover a number of topics and were collected from a variety of government agencies. Nonmilitary records related to Vietnam include the following: the Survey of Campus Incidents as Interpreted by College Presidents, Faculty Chairmen, and Student Body Presidents (RG 220, Records of Temporary Committees, Commissions, and Boards - The President's Commission on Campus Unrest); a number of public opinion polls conducted by the US Information Agency during the early 1970s; and the Consistency Audit Data Base and Demographic Survey of Applicants (RG 429, Records in the Executive Office of the President, the Presidential Clemency Board, 1974-1975).

The third part of the article, by Elizabeth Hill, briefly

describes the collection of photographs in the Still Pictures Branch of the National Archives. These photographs have only recently been transferred to the Archives and consist of approximately 60,000 images. The bulk of the records date from 1964-1971.

For those interested in obtaining a copy of this issue of PROLOGUE, individual copies of the Spring 1991 issue (vol. 23, no. 1), can be ordered for \$3.00 each. Please make check or money order payable to the National Archives Trust Fund (NEPS) and send to the Cashier, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

For specific questions about electronic records for the Vietnam era, the Reference Services office of the Center for Electronic Records can be contacted at 202-501-5579 or via BITNET at TIF@NIHCU. Our address is: National Archives, Center for Electronic Records (NNX), Reference Services, Attn: Margaret Adams, Washington, D.C. 20408.

LOCK UP YOUR COMICS **JEFF WANSEER, HIRAM COLLEGE**

Not all rare and valuable documents are old, or for that matter, rare. I recently came across a treasure from 1961 that some of your comics collecting patrons might kill for. The POGO PRIMER FOR PARENTS (TV DIVISION) by Walt Kelly, creator of the Pogo comic strip (FS 3.224:2), is a 24-page booklet from the Children's Bureau, concerning children, television, and mental health. Published in the wake of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, the primer attempts to assuage parental fears about TV's effects on children, while urging guidance in viewing. Its funnier than it sounds. Kelly subverts the message slightly, satirizing middle class families (with Pogo as Mom) and psychiatry along the way. The format is more of an illustrated story than a comic strip, a technique Kelly commonly used in his book-length Pogo collections.

I have not seen this publication listed in any comic book price guide, but based on the going rate for other Kelly material, a ballpark figure of \$50-\$100, depending on condition, would be a good guess. I haven't checked with any comics dealers. Not bad for a 20¢ booklet ☺



RETRIEVING 1990 CENSUS DATA FROM THE PL-94-171 CDs BY EUNICE JOHNSON UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Eunice Johnson is on the staff of the Government Publications Library at the University of Minnesota and she has started a column in DocSoup, the newsletter of the Minnesota documents group, on exchanging interesting experiences with the federal CDs. By exchanging guides and instructions on how to operate the depository CDs, we may be able to keep ahead of them and make them available to our patrons in a timely and relatively stress free manner.

Retrieving 1990 Census Data From the PL 94-171 CDs

1. You can locate data by county, city, and census tract on these 1990 Census CDs. It is also possible to search by voting district, and within voting district by block numbering area and block. Remember the PL 94-171 files were created for redistricting and establishing the Congressional Districts for the next Congress. The data does not contain data from the questions that were asked on the long form. Only information from the short form is available and ages are given only for 18 and older.

2. Load the disc into the CD drive.

3. Change the prompt in the lower left corner of your computer screen to the drive that is used by your compact disc drive (Example f:) Type GO and press the ENTER key.

4. Make choices from successive screens; select by using the up/down arrow keys to move the highlight and press the ENTER key.

--select a State

--select a Summary Level

Note: When you are at the top of a list on these discs, you cannot "zoom" to a desired area of the alphabet.

--Place=cities, listed alphabetically

Note: it is much quicker to select a city from the County subdivision list than from this one.

--County subdivision=cities and townships within each county.

--Census tract/block numbering area

Note: You will need to locate and purchase tract maps for your area.

--Voting district

Note: Unless you know ward and precinct numbers you cannot search the categories listed under this choice effectively.

--American Indian Reservations, etc.

5. Once a data table is displayed, there are several options which you select by typing the first letter of the word.

--Browse permits you to see data for the other counties, cities, census tracts which appear alphabetically above or below the chosen geographic unit. Use the right/left arrow to move the highlight horizontally across a table (Pan across) You cannot save or print data from this display.

--Print. The print menu displays two options: file or Print.

a. If you want to print, move the highlight to Printer; you are prompted to hit any key to print. Be sure the printer is turned on.

b. If you want to save the single table to a floppy disk, move the highlight to Field and press the ENTER key. A line then appears on which to type a drive and file name. Pressing the ENTER key again will initiate the saving of the table.

--Copy file. This choice is used if you want to download the file in a format used by Lotus or dBASE. Options are : ASCII (Flat/SDF); ASCII(Delimited); and dBASE. Note: the entire file is downloaded without text.

**FOURTH ANNUAL INTERAGENCY SEMINAR
BY NANI BALL
MIAMI UNIVERSITY-MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS**

The Fourth Annual Interagency Seminar was held from Monday, May 6 to Friday, May 10, 1991 in Washington, D.C. Ohio was well represented. I was there from Miami University - Middletown Campus, Gretchen Dagefoerde was there from Worthington Public Library, Lynn Lenart from the University of Akron and Marie Rehmar from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library. There were librarians from Massachusetts to Hilo, Hawaii, and from Maine and North Dakota to Florida and Texas.

This year the agencies who gave programs were first, on Monday, the Government Printing Office. We had a tour which allowed us to drop a note in one of our own shipment

boxes among the famous lighted bins. We met the people at GPO and heard about their responsibilities and we heard about our responsibilities as depository librarians. The people at GPO work hard in crowded conditions, with low technology! The second presentation on Monday was given by the Department of Labor, an agency that hasn't been included in previous seminars. On Tuesday, all day was Census information. Wednesday we had a Federal Register Workshop in the morning and an NTIS Workshop in the afternoon. Thursday we learned about the Patent Office publications and how to use them, and we heard about Trade Marks and Copyright. These presentations were held at the Government Printing Office. The days were full of note taking and digestion of information. I was learning all the time. Since many sources and methods for finding information are learned as you respond to requests in your library, I found it very helpful to have a formal, organized presentation to put that same knowledge into a better perspective.

There was also time to get acquainted with the other librarians and enjoy some things that Washington has to offer. On Sunday evening before the seminar began we met at the St. James Hotel. Joe McLane, Chief Depository Services, John Tate, Administrative Assistant, and Shelia McGarr, Chief Depository Administration Branch were all there to meet us and escorted all who were interested on a walk to nearby Georgetown to have dinner at one or another of the good restaurants. During the week we usually had lunch at the nearby Union Terminal food court. One day we lunched together according to type of library, the other day it was by section of the country. Networking was emphasized as one of the benefits of the seminar, and it was one of the pleasures.

Joe McLane, like the ideal reference librarian, was willing to answer any question from how to use the METRO system to where are the good places to eat, to what could one do to prepare for a depository library inspection, to the reasons for inconsistency in federal CD-ROM products. On Wednesday evening many of us met him in Old Alexandria to look at the shops and to choose an interesting place for dinner. John Tate and Shelia McGarr were there too. These people were very gracious, friendly "hosts." I enjoyed including my son in that outing. He is considering going to library school, and this was a great group of people to have him meet.

Friday we met at the Library of Congress, Madison Building. During the morning we heard about many LC divisions which handle or publish government publications: Serial & Government Publications Division, Law Library, Science and Technology Division, and more. After lunch in the LC cafeteria, we heard about and got to tour the Congressional Research Service. I collected a few of their special Info Packs, usually available only to congressional offices.

"Hotlines and Other Useful Government Telephone Numbers" is the title of one of them; "Homeless in America" is another.

Finally there was a choice of one more tour to go on: Documents Expediting, Law Library, Serials & Government Publications Division or the restoration of the Jefferson Building. I was with the group that toured the Jefferson Building and marveled at the renovated paintings on walls and ceilings, the lovely colors, the gilding, the richness of the old building now restored. It was a very nice grand finale to the week.

Go to the seminar next year if you haven't gone yet. Send your name and \$10 in as soon as you see the announcement. Give yourself a day or two in Washington, D.C. before or after the seminar to take in the museums and monuments because there just isn't time during the week.

FEDERAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL PUBLICATIONS:

PART ONE

BY JEFF WANSER, HIRAM COLLEGE

I started life (academically speaking) as an archaeologist, before moving to the field of librarianship, and so I have a soft spot in my head for archaeological research published by the government. Since I try to stay aware of trends in the field, I thought I would attempt to share information about some publications that I think are useful and interesting.

Logically, one would think that most archaeological research done under federal auspices would be published by the Smithsonian, and this was true until the 1970's, when legislation dealing with historical preservation and cultural resource management forced many agencies to move into the field more prominently. Now the Smithsonian publishes very little in the area, and most of that through its "private" publishing arm, Smithsonian Institution Press. These days the biggest producer of archaeological publications is the National Park Service, with several other Interior agencies, and the Forest Service following behind. Basically, all federal agencies responsible for public lands end up sponsoring and publishing such research (even the Defense Dept.!).

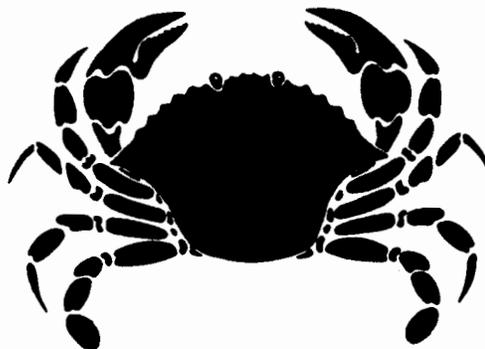
This time out, I'd like to focus on one of the most prolific series from NPS, the Southwest Cultural Resources Center Professional Papers (I 29.116:, Item no. 0646-N-05). Beginning in the mid-1980's, the series now numbers 39 monographs (a few of the most recent have not been distributed yet; they are coming out of sequence), varying considerably in scope, interest value, and level of technicality. When the item number was surveyed in 1987, the series was

described as papers on submerged cultural resources (underwater archaeology), with an emphasis on historic shipwrecks. It has gone far beyond that narrow but interesting focus, and in fact, less than half of the series deals with submerged sites. Submerged resources monographs cover the Great Lakes, Hawaii, Florida, and other areas where national parks waters are found. Other monographs range over historic and prehistoric sites in the Southwest Cultural Resources Center region, extending from Louisiana and Arkansas to New Mexico to California. Several of these deal with the Spanish historical occupation of the Southwest and include historical documentation as well as reports of archaeological investigations.

For those who think that archaeology is all stones and bones, one of the most eye-opening reports is the Submerged Cultural Resources Study: USS Arizona Memorial and Peal Harbor National Historic Landmark (#23), which deals with the archaeology of World War II. A report that promises to be even more unusual when it appears, is The Archaeology of the Atomic Bomb: A Submerged Cultural Resources Assessment of the Sunken Fleet of Operation Crossroads at Bikini and Kwajalein Atoll Lagoons. (#37). Not for the faint of heart. A sampling of others include:

- #12: The Arkansas Post Story, Arkansas Post National Monument
- #22: Submerged Cultural Resources Study: Pictured Rock National Lakeshore
- #31: Presidios of the Big Bend Area
- #34: History of Fort Davis, Texas

Generally, the series is quite well done in terms of production; most contain photographs, maps, and other illustrations. The writing varies, but is good overall. Some of the reports are a bit technical or statistical for those unfamiliar with the field, while others are straightforward narrative history, with little archaeological data presented. I highly recommend the series to all academic depository libraries supporting programs in anthropology or American history, and public depository libraries where patrons are likely to be interested in such materials.



WAML FOCUSES ON SPATIAL DATA IN A DIGITAL WORLD

BY RICHARD SPOHN, UNIV. OF CINCINNATI

I attended the spring meeting of the Western Association of Map Librarians (WAML) held at the Map and Imagery Lab/Library at the University of California, Santa Barbara, California, March 20-23. WAML is the largest group in North America specifically devoted to map librarianship. WAML's primary region is the North American Pacific Rim and Rocky Mountain areas; however, members attended this meeting from as far away as North Carolina, Quebec, Germany and New Zealand.

The theme of the spring meeting was "Spatial Data in a Digital World," and it consisted of a one-day workshop and two days of general sessions. Most of the speakers were geographers or practitioners in other disciplines who were using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in their research. The keynote speaker, Dr. Terry Smith from the UCSB Department of Geography, promoted the role of librarians as the "gatekeepers" of data as our society moves into greater use of digital data to preserve and manipulate cartographic information. Librarians know how to manage other kinds of materials; thus librarians, especially map librarians, should be able to manage digital data. The future of librarians in this area will be to make the data available to users and to have some familiarity with the models that can be generated from the data.

Dr. Michael Goodchild from the National Center for Geographic Information noted that GIS is a practical technology which is mostly in private use at this time. He provided several definitions of GIS: 1) any digital information system whose records are geographically referenced, 2) a system of input, storage and analysis of geographical data, 3) a system for support of geographically-based decisions, and 4) a spatially structured database. GIS is currently used in resources management (e.g. estimating timber yields), infrastructure management (e.g. phone or utility systems), land information systems (e.g. land records), vehicle routing and scheduling (e.g. ambulance response), and marketing (e.g. consumer behavior patterns). Two major current issues in GIS are ethics (legal aspects and problems of confidentiality) and standardization problems (software and changing technology).

Other speakers discussed how they were using GIS in their particular field. Dr. Jeff Star from UCSB spoke about use in his area of remote sensing. Dr. Star noted that space efficiency in storing data is improving dramatically. He suggested central storage of data, allowing researchers to access the information from their personal workstations via fiber optic networks. Frau Ellen Oberman from Digital

Equipment Corporation in Bonn discussed the use of GIS in planning (Bebauungsplan) in the Federal Republic of Germany. Strict planning codes are used in Germany because of space constraints. Problems are great now because of the assimilation of East Germany. That section of the country lacks data and the data which is available is often not compatible with other available data. Dr. Frank Davis of UCSB discussed using GIS in the California Biodiversity Program to keep track of endangered species and ecosystems, while Dr. Robert Crippen from Cal Tech discussed geological applications and terrain modeling.

During the business meeting we learned that the U.S. Geological Survey will rely more on the states to do large scale mapping in the future. Mapping of the 7.5 minute topographic quadrangles has been completed by the Mapping Division and the last new maps will be published within the next two years. The USGS will stop producing new 7.5 minute geologic quadrangles but will complete any that are in progress. The 50% academic discount on maps will end in July. Libraries are encouraged to save all 15 minute topographic quadrangles as the USGS is shredding their stock and will not produce any new maps of this scale in the future.

The workshop entitled "Accessing Spatial Data in Digital Form" was held in the UCSB Map and Imagery Lab/Library (MIL). Dr. Waldo Tobler, the "father" of computer application in geography, presented the opening session. Dr. Tobler discussed the problems of crating data files and manipulating spatial data in digital form. He presented detailed discussion of the pros and cons of using raster (point) vs. vector (line) data to display information. Dr. Jeff Star of the UCSB Remote Sensing Unit presented information on the basics of hardware and software. Storage of digital data still takes up an immense amount of space. CPUs are processing data faster and are getting cheaper to obtain, and the cost of memory is coming down. Several major problems currently exist including data retrieval compatibility, the long length of time it takes to digitize information, problems with exact color reproduction, and problems of compressing data for storage. At the afternoon session John Vasi from the UCSB Library discussed funding considerations. Digital mapping is extremely expensive and costs outside of traditional library funds are involved. Use of digital mapping and imagery is now being promoted by a number of departments and the library, as a neutral place, could provide the knowledgeable management of this shared resource. To obtain successful funding for the Imagery Lab DEC system in use at UCSB, Mr. Vasi: 1) lined up academic support, 2) worked to get supplemental funding from outside, 3) learned what could be obtained incrementally in the future, and 4) planned for continuing cost to operate the system. The costs of hardware for the system were more than \$150,000, with another

\$199,000 for software licenses. The library received about \$5,000,000 in software gratis! The library is considering doing cost recovery or bartering for services to outside users as one means of supporting the unit's operation. Larry Carver from MIL finished the workshop by demonstrating some of the MIL equipment and talking about the types of jobs for which each system is used. Digitizing cartographic information is a tedious, time-consuming task. He noted that it is difficult to keep staff trained in the latest technology because systems change so rapidly.

Tours of the Map and Imagery Library were given. This library contains about 4 million items including over 3 million images (2 million air photos and 1.2 million satellite images), nearly 400,000 maps, 4000 atlases and reference books, and other miscellaneous items (microform, videotapes, slides, CD-ROM, etc.). As many as possible of the materials on tapes or disks are stored in a climate-controlled vault. There was also a tour and reception at Map Link, a major map dealer which is located in Santa Barbara. WAML members had a chance to see how they order, stock and ship materials and to browse their current inventory.

Three map dealers, Geoscience Resources, Map Link, and Rand McNally presented displays. Of current interest is the release of many maps from Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union as these nations seek greater trade with the West. The Soviets haven't learned too much about western marketing practices—they have priced their topographic maps at over \$100 each, as compared with a similar map of the U.S. which costs about \$3 or \$4.

The final event was a reception at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History to honor Thomas W. Dibblee, Jr. who has personally completed geological mapping for about 1/3 of California. Dr. Dibblee reminisced about experiences during his 60 year mapping career. We also were shown the production methods for some of the unique cartographic materials which are prepared by the Museum. The Museum is known for the excellent quality and color of its cartographic products of California and the Pacific region.

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CLEVELAND FREE NET

The system administration of the Cleveland Free Net has accepted our plan for an Ohio GODORT area in the system. The plan proposed by the Electronic Bulletin Board Committee will be put in place and tested over the next few weeks. When the area is available for everyone, a packet of materials will be distributed to all Ohio GODORT members, with instructions for gaining access to Free Net and information about our area.

The area will feature various kinds of information including electronic versions of DOC'S PRESCRIPTIONS and GPO ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES, as well as downloaded data from other government bulletin boards.

We will be looking for volunteers to share in the system operation duties. Please contact George Barnum at 216-368-6512.

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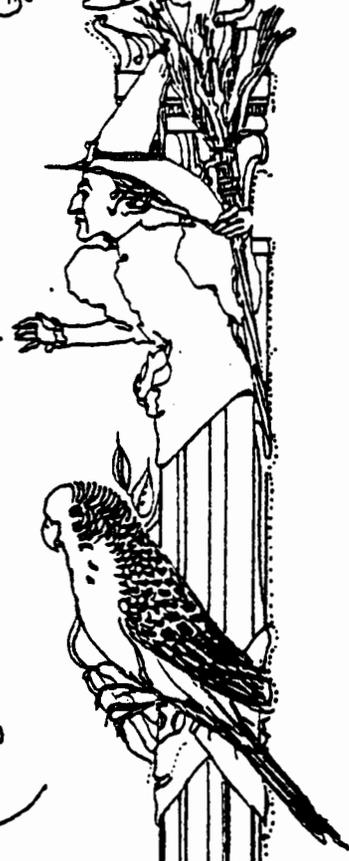


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This will be the last issue of DOC'S PRESCRIPTIONS you will receive with your 1990/1991 membership. New mailing labels will be prepared for the Fall issue.

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MINUTES
Government Documents Roundtable of Ohio
Columbus Metropolitan Library
May 24, 1991

The President of GODOORT of Ohio, Coleen Parmer, opened the spring business meeting with several announcements. First, Sherry Mosley of Youngstown State University has accepted a job in Florida. A new member is needed to replace her on the committee studying an item number printout from the GPO tape. Second, ALA GODOORT will have an exchange of information about user aids for depository CD-ROM products. These may be handouts or information on diskettes. For more information contact Larry Roman at Vanderbilt University. The third announcement was that the Census Bureau has a Hotline to answer questions about their CD-ROM products. That number is: 301-763-4100.

Nani Ball, Secretary/Treasurer, asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as printed in the winter issue of Doc's Prescriptions. The Treasurer's report was read. The balance in the George Kosman Memorial Fund is \$210.50, the balance in the GODOORT Treasury is \$569.86.

Julia Baldwin announced for the Nominating Committee that George Barnum of Case Western Reserve was a candidate for Program Chair/President Elect. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved and seconded to elect George Barnum. He was elected by acclamation.

Mary Prophet, Denison University, reported for the Committee to Design a Portable Documents Display. The committee has designed a five panel, table top display. Each panel will measure 3 feet by 4 feet. The central panel will be permanent with the government documents logo, some text still to be decided on, and a map showing the location of Ohio depository libraries. The other four panels will have transparent envelopes of various sizes that can hold documents. The envelopes will attach to the panels with velcro. The estimated cost of the display including a cart to facilitate transportation and storage of the materials is \$130.00. Additional expenses for lettering, logo, map, etc. could add up to an estimated \$30.00.

Marjorie Powell, Wooster College, made a motion that GODOORT of Ohio allocate \$200 to \$250 for the construction of the display as described. The motion was seconded by Julie Houston, Ohio Wesleyan University.

Graham Walden, Ohio State, amended the motion to include the construction of a cover or crate so that the display could be shipped. The amendment was seconded by Marjorie Powell, and approved by the members. After some discussion a second amendment was introduced by Marjorie Powell that the committee develop guidelines for use of the display to answer such questions as who can use it, how use will be scheduled, and who will be responsible for transportation, transportation expenses and storage. The amendment was seconded by Mary Prophet and passed by voice vote. The motion as amended was also passed by voice vote.

Mary Prophet reported for the Committee Investigating Participation in the Ohio State Fair. So far Jess Parmer has made a number of inquiries, but there has been no response. In discussion among the members it was suggested that the investigation continue. Mary Prophet will ask participants

Jess Parmer, Bowling Green University, reported for George Barnum, Case Western Reserve, on the Committee to Explore an Electronic Bulletin Board for GODOORT of Ohio. The Government Printing Office is also looking into opening an electronic bulletin board for documents users. However since the start-up time for that is uncertain, the committee is going ahead with the project to establish a bulletin board through Case Western Reserve's Frenet. The bulletin board will include lists and information useful to the public, such as Hermes, the Commerce Department's Electronic Bulletin Board, and a list of depository libraries. It will also include information for documents librarians such as Doc's Prescriptions, Needs and Offers, and electronic mail. Access will be through Internet, of Telenet, or by dialing in. There will be some cost to those who dial in, but it should not be prohibitive. The menu design will be submitted to Frenet in June. The committee will distribute to members the information on access, i.e. logging on, user ID's, etc.

Karen Kimber reported for the Committee to Study a Statewide Item Selection Printout. The committee divided the depository libraries in Ohio into three regions (West/Central/Northeast). Each region will have from 20 to 22 depository libraries. This division allows for a readable printout since the symbols for the 20 to 22 libraries can be incorporated across the width of one page. Each region will generate a printout of 45 sheets, printed on both sides (3 x 45 = 135 sheets). Three access points are recommended: item number, sdocs, and title (3 x 135 = 405 sheets). A directory of about 20 pages will be incorporated in the document (405 + 20 = 425 sheets).

Cost estimates varied. The following figures represent the higher estimates given.

Production Expenses:

1. Cost of the GPO tape \$285.00
2. Computer work donated by Kent State \$000.00
3. Printed copy for each of 62 depository libraries offered free of charge by Kent \$000.00
4. Additional copies for non-depository libraries would cost \$10 - \$20 each. As an example 50 additional copies would cost \$500.00

TOTAL \$1275.00

The total divided by 112 copies:

COST PER COPY \$4.46 - \$11.38

Marketing Expenses:

1. Flyer 300 @ .10 = \$ 30.00
2. Mailing 500 @ .29 = \$145.00

TOTAL \$190.00

The total divided by 112 copies: COST PER COPY \$ 1.70

Distribution of Copies:

1. Packaging (each) \$.31
2. UPS (each) \$ 2.00
3. Invoice (each) \$.05

TOTAL \$ 2.36

Based on this example, each three region printout would cost between \$8.52 and \$15.44.

Kent State has agreed verbally to take on the initial expense of printing additional copies, with the assumption that they will recover the cost. Ohio GODOORT would need to purchase

After some discussion, Anne Zald, Oberlin College, moved that Ohio GODORT allocate the estimated \$285 - \$300 to purchase the GPO tape of item number selections so that planning can go ahead. The purchase will be contingent on Kent State being able to offer the computer work and printing service described by the committee. The motion was seconded by Margie Powell, Wooster College.

Evron Collins, Bowling Green, moved to table the motion until the Fall meeting, when more information would be available. The motion to table did not pass. After further discussion of various ways to finance the project, Evron Collins amended the original motion to include that the committee will refine and develop alternative methods of proceeding with the project to present to the membership in the Fall. The amendment was seconded by Julie Houston, Ohio Wesleyan. The motion as amended was passed. Julie Houston and Lynn Lenart, Akron, University volunteered to serve on the committee.

Clyde Hordusky, State Library, reported that the Committee to Review the State Plan would be having a lunch meeting and will report at the Fall meeting. He asked documents librarians to review the list of superseded documents for regional libraries as distributed in Administrative Notes, vol. 12, No. 8. The list does not match his current list. There are a number of items that he keeps which the list includes as disposable. One example he gave was the older issues of Current Industrial Reports. In January 1992 Clyde will be reporting to the state librarian on why he keeps items that are listed as disposable. He invites comments from depository libraries about any items on the list that they think should be kept. These comments will be useful for his report.

Mary Prophet reported that 62 libraries have responded to the survey of documents holdings in Ohio libraries, not all of these are depository libraries. Libraries can still send in their responses. She can send copies of the survey if they are needed. The directory data has been compiled, printed, and was available at the meeting to be edited and returned to Mary. A directory of Bitnet addresses will be in the final document. Other information from the survey will be compiled later this summer.

Anne Zald, Oberlin College, brought before the members the fact that the bound Laws of Ohio and the Journals of the Ohio House and Senate are not received by state depository libraries. These publications are excluded by law from the depository program. The bound volumes include indexes and appendices which seem essential to the use of the material. Ohio GODORT could lobby for access to these and other state publications. A proposal to form a committee was available at the meeting, and will be published in Doc's Prescriptions. Anne made a motion to form a committee to seek access to state government information and publications. The motion was seconded by Beverly Gage, Denison University. Graham Walden called the question. The motion was passed. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee: Anne Zald, Oberlin College, Ruth Levor, University of Cincinnati Law Library, Melanie Putnam, Ohio State University College of Law, and Colleen Farmer, Bowling Green. Clyde Hordusky, State Library, was asked to serve as a consultant.

Graham Walden, Ohio State University, chair of the ALA GODORT ad hoc committee on the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, spoke of preparations for the Conference which will be in Washington, D.C. from July 9 to July 13, 1991. He referred members to three documents: A. The position statement of ALA GODORT on International, Federal, State and Local Government Information as published in OITP, Sept. 1990, page 172. B. The three state resolutions passed by the Democracy Conference of the Ohio WHCLIS, and C. The recommendations distributed to delegates by the State White House Conference Committee which reworded the state resolutions into the White House Conference format, and in the process have reduced the three multi-paged state resolutions to a few sentences. Six of Ohio's 24 delegates are librarians. The other delegates represent library supporters, government officials, and the general public. The recommendations distributed to the delegates (the digest and rewording of the resolutions), may be all they read. Graham has written to several groups and individuals to urge them to read the position statement and the resolutions. He made a motion that we ask our president to draft a letter from GODORT of Ohio to the Ohio delegates and alternates, asking for support of the resolutions of ALA GODORT. The motion was seconded by Mary Prophet and passed by members.

Jean Sears, Miami University, reported on the Spring Depository Council Meeting. Robert Houk, the Public Printer, laid out a new structure for council meetings. He would like the Fall meeting to be a working conference for himself and council members, rather than the public forum for depository librarians it has been. The annual Spring meeting will be in Washington, D.C. and will be a user's conference. There were the usual updates for depository libraries and several presentations, including one on software for the TIGER files.

There were several announcements: Carol Singer, Kenyon College, will be taking a job in Washington, D.C. with the Department of Energy as of June 9, 1991. The Monthly Catalog Annual Index, volume I, will be distributed soon.

Outgoing president Colleen Farmer officially turned the meeting over to the new president Jeff Manser, Hiram College. Members responded to Evron Collins suggestion of applause to thank Colleen for ably filling in as president this past year and to welcome Jeff as new president. Jeff adjourned the meeting.

After a lunch break the afternoon program included Barbara Hulyk of Detroit Public Library who spoke about rare and valuable documents and Eric Honneter of Bowling Green University, who spoke about basic preservation techniques.

Respectfully submitted,

Nani Ball
Secretary/Treasurer