



Seattle Area Archivists Newsletter

Fall 2006

Note from the Chair

Archivists, by necessity, are expert collaborators. We work with records managers to ensure the long-term preservation of valuable records, and with grant writers and administrators to secure funding for our programs. We may partner with a teacher to develop a curriculum using archival materials, or with an artist to develop an exhibit based on historic images. We might work with other archivists in consortia like the Northwest Digital Archives to develop new methods and models for sharing information about collections. Even the reference process itself is a collaboration between archivist and researcher, working together to identify resources and answer questions.

Seattle Area Archivists is working to expand this collaborative process on an organizational level. Our upcoming joint meeting with the Greater Seattle Chapter of ARMA is one manifestation of the potential partnerships that are available to our organization. We encourage you to come and talk with the records managers of ARMA, professionals whose interests and responsibilities tie in so closely with our own. We have also joined AKCHO (Association of King County Historical Organizations) as an institutional member, and are looking forward to working with other segments of the local heritage community. Collaborations like these benefit all participating organizations, and develop opportunities for our members to network and learn.

We hope that by partnering with affiliated groups and interested parties in the community we can continue to spread the word about what we do as archivists and the valuable resources we have to share.

Julie Kerssen
Seattle Municipal Archives

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Seattle Area Archivists Fall Meeting
October 5, 2006
NARA-Pacific Alaska Region
6125 sand Point Way NE, Seattle

Joint Meeting of Seattle Area Archivists and Greater Seattle Chapter of ARMA
International

Join us for a panel discussion on how archivists and records managers can work together. We will have speakers from three different area institutions:

- University of Washington: Barbara Benson and John Bolcer
- Seattle Municipal Archives: Scott Cline
- Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle: Sara Nau

The panelists will discuss the partnerships they have created with their counterparts and the benefits of working together; or in Sara's case, how she blends together both responsibilities. We hope to come away with some tips on communicating and working with "the other side" and to learn about resources for each field.

Barbara Benson has a Master's from New York University in Archives and records Management. She has worked either as records manager or archivist for such diverse organizations as Trinity Church, Chemical Bank, and the New York State Archives. She has been at the University of Washington since 1992, where she is the Director of Records Management Services and the University Records Officer.

John Bolcer has been University Archivist for the University of Washington since 2005. Previously, he served as Assistant University Archivist (2001-2005), including a stint as Acting University Archivist. Prior to that, he was Assistant Archivist for the Hanford Health Information Archives at Gonzaga University (1995-2001). Bolcer received a Master of Librarianship degree from the University of Washington in 1995, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Amherst College in 1992.

Scott Cline has a Master's from Portland State University in Public History. Since he started the Archives at the City of Seattle in 1985, it has grown into a program with five full-time archivists. He teaches the introduction to archives administration course at the

University of Washington. Cline is the recent Past President of the Academy of Certified Archivists, former President of Northwest Archivists, and active in the Society of American Archivists on several committees and programs.

Sara Nau is currently the Archivist/Records Manager for the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle, and prior to that position worked both as an intern and the Information Specialist: Records Management at the same institution. She has also worked to create an archives for the Alpha Phi Foundation in Evanston, IL, and assisted in an oral history project for the Erie Neighborhood House in Chicago. Nau has a Master's in Public History from Loyola University in Chicago.

Repository News

News from the Seattle Municipal Archives

The Archives recently acquired 319 boxes of Mayors' records from the University of Washington. The records, dating 1957-1978, are from Mayors Gordon Clinton, J.D. Braman, Floyd Miller, Wes Uhlman, and Charles Royer. The records document a period of rapid social and physical change in Seattle. Social unrest, urban renewal, citizen participation in governmental programs, and the Forward Thrust Program are a few of the topics illustrated in the Mayors' records. The UW collected the records before the Municipal Archives was established, probably saving them from destruction. In recent discussions, the City Archivist and the Head of UW special Collections agreed that the records belong with the Municipal Archives.

In other news, SMA photos are now gracing chocolate wrappers! Spokandy, a Spokane chocolate and candy company, called in March to

request use of SMA images on a new chocolate bar wrapper they were creating. Spokandy designed two Seattle chocolate bar wrappers, one with historic photographs and one with current images. The wrappers feature six photographs on each bar and credit the Municipal Archives on the reverse. Although the Archives did not receive a lifetime supply of chocolate bars for its staff, we look forward to finding the bars in Seattle stores in the fall. Images used on the wrappers include Pioneer Square, Smith Tower, the waterfront, and Pike Place Market.

Washington State Archives

The Archives began a six year, system-wide remedial arrangement and description project in July 2005. During the first year of the project many key collections were more visible and usable for researchers, including records from the State Supreme Court, State Senate, and the Departments of Agriculture and Ecology; Benton, Chelan, Clark,

Cowlitz, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Spokane, Walla, Walla, Whitman and Yakima Counties; Cities of Aberdeen, Cathlamet, Clarkson, Elam, Ellensburg, Hoquiam, Kelso, Kennewick, Kettle Falls, Long Beach, Longview, Morton, Napavine, North Bonneville, Pe Ell, Rainier, South Bend, Vader, Vancouver, Westport; and Winlock; Educational Service Districts 105, 123, 171; Bellingham School District, Municipality of Metropolitan

Seattle, Port of Seattle, Port of Tacoma, Roslyn School District, Seattle Elevated Transportation Company (Monorail Project), Northern State Hospital, Southwest Washington Regional Health Systems Agency, Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS), Yakima Valley Community College and the Yelm Irrigation District.

Michael S. Saunders
Puget Sound Regional Archivist

United Daughters of the Confederacy



The 1922 United Daughters of the Confederacy Washington Division consisted of Robert E. Lee Chapter 885 in Seattle, Mildred Lee Chapter 967 in Spokane, Dixie Chapter 1103 in Tacoma, Mrs. May Avery Wilkins, a driving force of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, stands fourth from the left in the front row. The gentleman in the second row is Confederate Veteran William G. McCroskey, member of the Confederate Veterans John B. Gordon Camp #1456 in Seattle.

United Daughters of the Confederacy

A Chapter in Pacific Northwest History will be published this fall with a foreward by Junius Rochester, 2006 AASLH Award winner. The book records the hundred year history of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Robert E. Lee Chapter #885 in Seattle and their contributions to the State of Washington. This book provides a wealth of information for social historians and genealogists.

<http://www.seattleudc.org/collectables.htm>

Marjorie Reeves, Historian

Events

Picturing the Century Exhibit

The Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) in Seattle will be hosting the exhibit "Picturing the Century: One Hundred Years of Photography from the National Archives" from August 5-December 17, 2006. This traveling exhibit of 150 iconic images from the 20th century was created by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) from the millions of photographs in its holdings. The exhibit is organized around six themes: A New Century; The Great War and New Era; The Great Depression and New Deal; Postwar America; and Century's End. The exhibit documents the intersection of two 20th

Archdiocese of Seattle Archives

The Archdiocese of Seattle recently lent the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) Princess Angelines's Rosary (daughter of Chief Sealth) for use in their upcoming exhibit....

News...

What is the latest news from your Archives? Let us know and we would be more than happy to share it with the rest of the Archival community in our next newsletter.

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century trends, the growing popularity of photography and the expansion of Federal power with the result of Federal agencies increasingly using photography to document their activities.

In conjunction with the exhibit, NARA, Pacific Alaska Region is partnering with MOHAI to offer several events.

Exhibit Events:

September 13, 2006:

MOHAI and NARA will host a special evening with Bruce Bustard of NARA's exhibit staff in Washington DC.

The evening will begin with a reception at 6pm followed by a lecture at 7pm in the McEachern Auditorium at MOHAI.

Tickets from brownpapertickets.com:
Members \$5, General \$7

At the door prices: Members \$7, General \$10

Dr. Bustard was the curator of the original exhibit and author of the exhibit catalog which was published by the University of Washington Press.

October 21, 2006:

MOHAI and NARA will present a teacher workshop at MOHAI focusing on using photographs in the classroom. For more information on these events and others planned during the exhibit go to the MOHAI website at www.seattlehistory.org.

More Event News...

The Staff of NARA, Pacific Alaska region are putting together a companion exhibit to "Picturing the Century in the Pacific Northwest" of photographs from the regional holdings documenting Federal agency activities during the 20th century in the Northwest. This photo exhibit will be on display at NARA, Pacific Alaska Region, at 6125 Sandpoint Way NE, Seattle from early August until December 2006. A companion CD of images from the regional holdings is being created and will be available to teachers and other interested individuals in early August. For more information or to request a CD contact seattle.archives@nara.gov

