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The Cleveland Herbals Project

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The Cleveland Herbals Project began three years ago as a cooperative venture of the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, the Holden Arboretum and the Cleveland Medical Library Association to publish a catalog of the pre-1830 holdings in botany, medical botany and horticulture in their respective libraries. Project Coordinator is Dr. P. A. Gerstner, Chief Curator of the Historical Division of the Cleveland Medical Library Association. Project Bibliographer is Dr. Stanley H. Johnston, graduate of Columbia University, Case Western Reserve University School of Library Science and Western Ontario University in Canada. He is principally known for his bio/bibliographical study of Richard Pynson, the early English printer. A modified bibliographic description will accompany each entry, ranging from one paragraph to six pages. The description will include full title-page transcription, collation, local and historical notes. Several indexes are planned, including one to non-botanical illustrations dealing with gardening and horticulture.

Funding for this project was raised locally (\$120,000). A committee was formed from members of each institution who appealed not only to several local foundations and members, but to Clevelanders eager to boost civic pride. The collections were promoted as nationally important collections built by Cleveland collectors. Ordinarily these private institutions would compete for membership and money. In this instance funds raised jointly not only saved time and effort, but allowed them to publish one work which could truly reflect the riches found in one area.

In an effort to save production costs and maintain the tightest possible bibliographic control, the work is being composed serially on an IBM-PC-XT using Microsoft's Word wordprocessing program. The completed text for each segment is off-loaded onto floppy disks which will eventually be used by the automated typesetting equipment at Huron Valley Graphics in Ann Arbor, Michigan to generate the printed text.

Unfortunately the automated typesetting equipment involved is unable to decipher the coding generated by Word or the IBM for such things as accented letters, Greek letters, vertical rules, changes of type and such common symbols as square brackets or a dash between dates. The result is that these items must be entered using semi-colon codes consisting of a semi-colon directly followed by a two- or three-letter mnemonic device. Thus to

generate an e with an accent grave on it, one has to type ;age. As another example, [1825-1827] would be encoded ;ob1825;nd1827;cb.

Space does not permit elaborating on the compromises imposed by lack of fonts, some special characters and such standard features as underlining. But it should be readily apparent from just the examples given above that the coding required adds significantly to both the problems of proof-reading and in judging how much space the printed entry will occupy once the encoding is removed.

Proof-reading is also a time-consuming process since before a disk is sent to the printer we must first generate a print-out of the material which is proof-read for errors in encoding, grammar or syntax by the editor at the Kent State University Press, while the transcription of titles and colophons is checked here by the bibliographer against the books themselves. Any errors must then be corrected before the floppy disk is generated, since any uncaught errors which remain have to be corrected by hand by the printer at considerably greater expense.

In addition to the printed descriptive catalog, the material in the three collections will also be made known to prospective users through the submission of entries for relative items to the Eighth Century Short Title Catalogue, and for inclusion in the notes at Harvard for the Short-Title Catalogue (covering English imprints 1475-1640) and in the annotated copy of Goff's Incunabula in American Libraries. The descriptive catalogue itself should appear from Kent State University Press sometime in 1988.

ALHHS



COMING MEETING

Thursday, April 30, 1987, Philadelphia.

- 9:00 College of Physicians, 19 South 22d St.
Registration (you will receive a Philadelphia Visitors' Booklet with a map of center city, marked to show our locations.) Introduction & tour by Tom Horrocks.
- 11:00 Bus leaves from College of Physicians for Pennsylvania Hospital, 8th & Pine.
- 11:30 Pennsylvania Hospital, Historic Library.
8th & Spruce Sts. ALHHS Business Meeting, Dorothy Whitcomb presiding. DIRLINE presentation from NLM.

12:45 Luncheon.

2:00 Tour of Pennsylvania Hospital Historical Collection. Caroline S. Morris, Archivist.

3:00 Optional escorted walking tour to one of the following (must be signed for in advance):
American Philosophical Society Library, 105 S. Fifth St. (in Independence National Park).
Hahnemann University Archives and History of Medicine Collections, 245 N. 15th Street.
Thomas Jefferson University Special Collections and Eakins Gallery, 1020 Walnut St. and 1020 Locust St.

Return to Holiday Inn for AAHM registration (till 6:00) and reception (6:00-8:00). You may walk (your guides will direct you), taxi, or take Mid-City Loop Bus (60 cents, exact fare) on Chestnut St. between 5th & 17th Sts. (Holiday Inn is at 18th & Market.)

It is recommended that you do not use your car for Thursday's meeting. The Pennsylvania, Jefferson and Hahnemann hospitals are all extremely busy, and parking is difficult even for Old Philadelphians. Chestnut Street is one-way, mostly, most of the time.

NOTES ON SITES:

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd St.

The Historical Collections of the Library include over 400 incunabula, 14,000-plus manuscripts, some 12,000 engravings and photographs. About 65,000 volumes pre-date 1900. The Mutter Museum, recently re-designed, contains medical memorabilia and anatomical specimens.

Pennsylvania Hospital, 8th & Spruce Sts. The nation's first hospital also houses its first important medical library, re-catalogued and re-housed in its superb room. The hospital has its records, virtually complete, the longest such series in English-speaking America.

American Philosophical Society Library, 20 S. 5th St. As the oldest learned society in America, this foundation houses extraordinary collections of books and manuscripts, including 18-20th century American physicians' papers, etc. Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence, the original Lewis and Clark journals, and thousands of papers of Benjamin Franklin are some of the APS' treasures.

Thomas Jefferson University Special Collections 1020 Walnut St. Here are collections of Jefferson faculty publications; the Bland Collection emphasizing obstetrics and anatomy; and the papers of Peter Herbut, recent president. In the Eakins Gallery (1020 Walnut Street) are three medical portraits by Thomas Eakins, including the celebrated "Gross Clinic."

Hahnemann University Archives and Special Collections, 245 N. 15th St. Here are collections in homeopathic medicine, including archival material on the homeopathic beginnings of the University, and Constantine Hering, the Allentown Academy, and on the cardiologic pioneers of the institution.

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NEW ACQUISITIONS

Elizabeth Ihrig reports from the Bakken Library that they have acquired two significant works on electrical science and medical applications of electricity in cases of paralysis, together with "a nice handful of fairly scarce items dealing with mesmerism and animal magnetism." These include J.B. Secondat, Memoire sur l'electricite and Suite du memoire sur l'electricite (Paris, 1746-48); J.J. de Cardane, Conjectures sur l'electricite medicale (Paris, 1768), and Parallele entre le magnetisme animal, l'electricite et les bains medicaux (Paris, 1785) by E. M. Laugier; Del magnetismo animale (Biella, 1785) by Giovanni T. Mullatera; and La Maconnerie mesmerienne (Amsterdam, 1784) by Jean B. Barbeguiere.

The Bakken has also added a manuscript letter of David Rittenhouse dated February 1781 in which he describes for the benefit of the American Philosophical Society some experiments in magnetism.

From the Medical University of South Carolina, **Anne K. Donato** reports the gift last year of what is now the oldest book in the Waring Library: Pietro d'Argellata's Cirurgia (Venice, 1513). With other medical classics, the book was donated by Dr. Leon Banov, Jr., Charleston surgeon and the first president of the Waring Library Society. Another significant gift in 1986 was the collection of books in obstetrics and gynecology from the library of the late Dr. James Pratt Marr of New York, noted Sims biographer. Included in the collection is another 16th century book, the first book on midwifery printed in English, Eucharius Roesslin's The Birth of Mankynde, 1565? The books were given by Dr. Marr's son and daughter through MUSC's recently retired professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Lawrence L. Hester.

Stanley B. Burns of the Burns Archive writes that after a search of ten years he has located and purchased a personal album of photographs of Civil War wounded taken by Dr. Reed Brockway Bontecou, a surgeon. This is the fourth Bontecou album to be acquired by Dr. Burns. A fifth is believed to exist but its whereabouts is unknown. Along with the album, Burns also purchased Bontecou's surgical instruments and his wound dressings, a product developed and marketed by him. See MD Magazine, Nov. 1968 for more about the Bontecou album.

The Cleveland Health Sciences Library has just received Speculum Doctrinale by Vincent de Beauvais (Strassburg, 1477). This beautiful two-volume medieval encyclopedia was printed by Adolph Rusch, the "R" printer, so-called because of the unusual shape of his capital R's. Four hundred and fifty-six chapters are devoted to medicine.

Dr. Stanton A. Friedberg's book and pamphlet collection on otorhinolaryngology will be deposited in the Special Collections of Rush University, Chicago. Doris Bolef, in announcing the prospective gift, noted Dr. Friedberg's years of service to the medical community and his long-standing support of the Library. The collection consists of almost 400 works from the 19th and 20th centuries in English, French, German and Italian, and was begun in the 1920's by Dr. Friedberg's father.

MAIN ENTRIES AND EXITS

Sam Davis (Thomas Jefferson) reports that **Judith A. Robinson** has joined the staff of Thomas Jefferson University as Assistant Archivist. She came to Jefferson from Bowling Green University, Ohio, where she was Reference/Archivist in the Center for Archival Collections.

Dr. J. Woodrow Savacool has been appointed Assistant University Historian to join **Dr. Frederick B. Wagner, Jr.**, University Historian, in writing the history of Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Savacool is Honorary Clinical Associate Professor at the University.

Deborah Woolverton (Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland) and our Conservation News columnist was married on December 31, 1986

to **James B. Brewster**, artist and printmaker. Best wishes, Deborah!

Laurena Hyslop, Collections Manager, Historical Division, Cleveland Health Sciences Library, has resigned and moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where her husband has joined the staff of the Johnstown Democrat. **Judi Chelnick**, Assistant Curator of the Dittrick Museum, has assumed her responsibilities.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Historical Library of the Yale Medical Library, New Haven, Conn., seeks qualified applicants for the post of **Assistant Librarian of Historical Collections**, available June 1987. Assists in the development, organization & interpretation of the book collection and associated museum collections; provides reference services, seeks grant funding, addresses preservation problems, supervises student assistants, provides support for exhibits and special events held in the Historical Library. Qualifications: MLS from accredited library school or advanced degree in history, history of science or medicine. Reading knowledge of one modern European or classical language required. Good oral and written communication skills essential; experience with computers desired. Write: Maureen Sullivan, Sterling Memorial Library, Library Personnel, Yale University POB 1805A, New Haven, CT 06520.

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine announces availability of the position of **Rare Book Librarian**. This person is a member of the Institute of the History of Medicine staff with a joint appointment in the Welch Medical Library, and is responsible for development of the historical collection, reference services, exhibit preparation, bibliographical instruction, and supervision of cataloging and acquisitions for the collection. Substantial professional library experience in the history of medicine and strong managerial skills with special collections are required. A graduate degree in library/information science is required with a graduate degree in history preferred. Salary negotiable with generous fringe benefits. Available July 1, 1987. Deadline for application is April 15, 1987. Send c.v. and the names of three references to Gloria Bryan, Employment Manager, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 241 Hampton House, 624 N. Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21205. AA/EOE.

NEWS NOTES

Edwina Walls (University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Library) participated in the University's celebration of Arkansas' 150th anniversary of statehood as Chair of the UAMS Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee. Highlight of the event was **John Parascandola's** slide talk entitled, "Arkansas Medicine: historical gleanings from the NLM collection."

The History of Medicine Section of UAMS Library has awarded three \$1000 research grants to study Arkansas medical history and use the UAMS History of Medicine Archives. Topics include "The Limits of

Liability: medical malpractice in Arkansas"; "Child-birth and Infant Rearing in Antebellum Arkansas"; and "From Private Duty to Public Health, Arkansas nurses at work, 1895-1940."

From the **Medical History Society of New Jersey** comes announcement of the Stephen Wickes Prize in the History of Medicine for 1987. This annual award of \$100, named for the first medical historian in New Jersey, is available to any currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate or professional student. Original essays, not more than 7,000 words in length, should treat a historical subject in medical or allied fields, such as historical aspects of a current problem or a specific subject in a defined period of the past. The Committee is particularly interested in topics related to the history of medicine or allied fields in New Jersey. Essays should be submitted by April 1, 1987 to: Medical History Society of New Jersey, Two Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

Coming soon: Masterpieces of Medical Photography: Selections from the Burns Archive. This book is a collaboration between Stanley Burns and master photographer, Joel-Peter Witkin. It is not only of interest to the medical community, but will have appeal to art audiences and the general public. According to Dr. Burns, it will be available in April, 1987.

New from ACRL: Printing and Publishing Evidence: Thesauri for use in rare book and special collections cataloging. It may be ordered from ALA Order Dept., 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. (\$7.50; \$5.50 ACRL members, 10% discount to ALA members). Especially designed for MARC field 755.

From NLM comes a short pamphlet, A Biomedical Index to the Correspondence of Rene Descartes, prepared by Thomas S. Hall. Single copies are available to scholars without charge. Address requests to: Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Members of AAHM recently received the attractive brochure of the **Museum of Ophthalmology**, Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, 655 Beach Street, P.O. Box 6988, San Francisco, CA 94101-6988. Besides a museum containing pharmaceuticals, diagnostic and surgical instruments, and more than 3000 artifacts, the Foundation offers information on ophthalmic history. Call Susan E. Cronenwett, (415) 561-8500.

QUERIES



I am trying to formulate a workable policy for photocopying historical materials. I would be very interested to know what guidelines our members use. What charges are made? Cut-off dates? Who on the staff is permitted to do the photocopying? How much ILL copying is done, and what charges are made for this? If you think your system is a good one (or

even if you don't), will you share it with me? Please send to **Glen Jenkins**, Historical Division, Allen Medical Library, 11000 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Elizabeth Krakauer, new member, notes that she is working on watermarks in Pandecta medicinae (Strassburg, 1480), by Matthaeus Silvaticus. She would like to hear from anybody working in this field. Write to her at: P.O.Box 3047, Stanford, CA 9-4305.

Conservation News

compiled by

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PUBLICATIONS

Preservation of Historical Records. Committee on Preservation of Historical Records, National Materials Advisory Board, Commission on Engineering and Technical Systems, National Research Council. National Academy Press, 1986. xvii, 108 p.

Conducted on behalf of the National Archives and Records Administration, this study analyzes the options for preserving the vast number of non-intrinsically valuable documents housed in the National Archives. Special attention is given to environmental conditions and the characteristics of paper, photographic film (including microfilm), magnetic recording media, and optical disks. The comprehensive set of recommendations arrived at limit the preservation alternatives to retention, photocopying and photographic film storage using archivally sound materials.

This study is valuable for a variety of reasons. Its analysis of the characteristics of materials is thorough; the preservation alternatives recommended are made not only in terms of cost and feasibility; and finally the general design of the study and its decision-tree model may be applicable to other institutions facing similar problems.

For another viewpoint, see a review in National Preservation News, No. 6, October, 1986. Preservation of Historical Records is available for \$17.95 prepaid from the National Academy Press, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20418.

AASLH Winter Catalog. American Association for State and Local History, Winter, 1987. This catalog contains a wealth of publications of interest to librarians, archivists, and others working with historical collections. Some titles of particular interest include:

- The Management of Small History Museums.
- Historical Celebrations: A Handbook for Organizers of Diamond Jubilees, Centennials, and Other Community Anniversaries.
- Local History Collections: A Manual for Librarians.
- The Care of Antiques and Historical Collections.
- Collection, Use, and Care of Historical Photographs.
- Museum and Archival Supplies Handbook.
- Exhibits for the Small Museum.
- Making Exhibit Labels: A Step-by-Step Guide.
- Help! for the Small Museum: A Handbook of Exhibit Ideas and Methods.
- Good Show! A Practical Guide for Temporary Exhibitions.

Plus a host of videos and technical leaves on preservation and exhibitions. Write: AASLH, Suite 102, 172 Second Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37201.

"The Book as Object," by Gay Walker. The Abbey Newsletter, January 1987, v. 11, no. 1, p. 4, contains a reprint of her article from RLG Preservation Manual, 2nd ed., April 1986. A useful list of criteria for evaluating the rarity of items in view of retention in original format is presented in this article.

Care and Identification of 19th Century Photographic Prints, James M. Reilly. Kodak Publication no. G-2S, 1986. Targeted toward archivists, librarians, and curators, this book provides instruction on dating and identifying; cataloging; preserving; recognizing deterioration; handling and storage; and preservation of collections of photographic prints. The book and an accompanying wall chart are available for \$24.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling from Image Permanence Institute, RIT City Center, 50 West Main Street, Rochester, New York 14614-1274.

Book and Paper Group Annual. Compiled by Elizabeth Kaiser Schulte. American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. Book and Paper Group. v.4 [i.e., v.5]

This contains the text of papers presented at the Book and Paper Group Session at the 1986 Annual Meeting of the American Institute for Conservation. Librarians may find the set of seven papers on "Disaster Preparedness: Planning and Recovery" particularly informative. Other pertinent papers include "Teaching Book Conservation Methods" by Gary Frost and Paul N. Banks' paper on "Formal Environmental Standards for Storage of Books and Manuscripts: A Status Report." Copies may be purchased from AIC, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW, Washington DC 20008.

SUPPLIES

Marbled Paper

For those who wish to order custom-made hand-marbled paper Iris Nevins is now marketing her hand-marbled papers. In addition to offering a variety of traditional designs, she offers a pattern matching service in which she will copy a marble pattern based

on a swatch. For more information and a price list, write: Iris Nevins, Hand-Marbled Paper, R.R.3, Box 613, Sussex, NJ 07461; phone (201) 875-4950.

Enclosures and Humidity Buffers

J. Franklin Mowry (AIC Newsletter, January 1987, v.12, no. 1) recommends GORE-TEX ziplock barrier envelopes for transporting rare books or manuscripts. He says, "The slick expanded teflon (polytetrafluoroethylene) inner lining is an ideal surface to have against a fragile object because it is inert and non-abrasive. You can't beat the ease of wrapping: there is none to be done, which reduces the risk of harm occurring during handling. The traveling objects are now in waterproof envelopes, but they are able to breathe."

Other GORE-TEX products which Mowry recommends include the "Compartmentalized Humidity Equilibrator" containing silica gel, which can be used as a humidity buffer in exhibition cases and packing crates. Mowry has also experimented with GORE-TEX material as a lining material for rare book boxes.

According to a promotional letter, GORE-TEX exhibits the following characteristics: waterproof and breathable; pure; chemically inert; UV resistant; soft; flexible; and lightweight. For more information on GORE-TEX barrier products contact: Laurie Gil, W. L. Associates, Inc., Gore-Tex Fabrics Division, P.O.Box 1130, Elkton MD 21921 (phone 1-800-638-9800).

AUDIOVISUALS

Preservation Planning

The National Preservation Program Office (NPPO) has prepared a two-part, 30-minute slide/tape presentation on planning a preservation program. Planning for Preservation is available for loan from the NPPO Audiovisual Loan Program, Library of Congress or for purchase from the library's sales shop. (National Preservation News, No. 6, October 1986)

Calendar

April 30 - May 1, 1987. "Conservation and Management of Photographic Collections." Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford. Contact Gay Tracy, NEDCC, Abbot Hall, 24 School Street, Andover, MA 01810.

June 5-19, 1987. Preservation Management Workshop: Simmons College, Boston, MA. Contact NEDCC, 24 School Street, Andover, MA 01810; (617) 470-1010.



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