

SCAA Newsletter*

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Spring 1999

South Carolina Archival Association Established By Roy H. Tryon

The South Carolina Archival Association has taken shape as a formal organization in the past few months. The origins of the association can be traced back much further, however, to a session at the fourth annual historical records conference of the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) on February 19, 1998. At that session, organized and chaired by Michael Kohl of Clemson University, the need for and feasibility of forming a state archival association was explored for the first time.

The session was a lively one, beginning with presentations by representatives from the South Carolina Library Association's Archives and Special Collections

Roundtable (Brian Cuthrell), the South Carolina Public Records Association (Ron Bowden), PALMCOP (Marie Hollings), Charleston Archives, Libraries, and Museums (Jane Brown), and SHRAB (Roy Tryon).

The panelists' presentations were followed by a spirited discussion by the nearly one hundred individuals who attended.

The SHRAB followed up on the February 1998, session by sponsoring a day-long conference on forming a state archival association on December 1, 1998, at the South Carolina

Archives and History Center. Fifty individuals attended. Presentations by Susan McDonald of the Society of Georgia Archivists and Jan Blodgett of the Society

of North Carolina Archivists helped focus the discussion that followed. Conference participants in brainstorming sessions identified the reasons for an association and their expectations for its

operation. An overwhelming majority of the attendees voted in favor of forming an archival association. Matters have moved

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Steering Committee Moves Quickly To Organize SCAA By Jeanette Bergeron

I had no idea I was going to become a "Mom" this winter. But along with a couple of "Dads" and some other "Moms," I have had the immense satisfaction of helping a new association make its way into the world.

It all started December 1 when 50 people answered an invitation to a SHRAB-sponsored meeting to investigate the formation of an archival association for South Carolina. Inspired by reports on similar societies in Georgia and North Carolina, we volunteered for the steering committee; five of us were lucky to be selected.

Whether it was Roy Tryon's keen judgment of character, his leadership, serendipity, or some of each, it would be hard to find a more harmonious, efficient team of people. We hailed from Clemson, Columbia, Rock Hill and Chester; we included two university archivists, a historical society member, a corporate archivist and an independent consultant, as well as three past chairs of the Archives Roundtable of the South Carolina Library Association. The original team included Jim Cross, Susan Dick, Ann Evans, Deloris Goggins, myself, and, of course, our State Archivist and SHRAB leader

Roy Tryon. In March Susan left for a new job in Savannah; her USC colleague Beth Bilderback stepped in without missing a beat.

In four meetings over three months, we selected a name, determined a dues structure, drafted a constitution and bylaws, settled on the number of officers and their duties, developed a timeline for the first year's activities, and began membership recruitment. Outside the meetings, Roy and Susan incorporated the new non-profit association and opened a bank account. Susan also drafted the

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SHRAB Annual Conference a Continued Success

By Roy H. Tryon

The State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) held its fifth annual historical records conference on February 18 at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. Nearly one hundred and fifty individuals attended the all day conference, which offered nine sessions on such diverse subjects as the identification of rare books and collection policy development to researching in vital records and newspapers and how archives can better serve their patrons. (The SCAA also set up an information table at the conference, distributed the new association membership brochure, and signed up over thirty dues-paying members.) The theme of the conference, Planning for the Future, referred to the SHRAB's current statewide planning project that will result in the formulation of a strategic plan for South Carolina's historical record, 2000-2005. The SHRAB planning project was an opening session of the conference.

At the plenary session, conference attendees were welcomed by Dr. Rodger E. Stroup, Director of the SC Department of Archives and History (which provides staff and other support for the SHRAB). Dr. Stroup also introduced the conference keynote speaker, Dr. Walter Edgar, Director of the Institute of

Southern Studies at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Edgar spoke on the experience of writing his recent *South Carolina: A History* and the contact he had with repositories around the state in conducting his research.

For more information about the SHRAB, its activities, and the strategic planning project, visit the Board's website at <http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/shrab.htm>.

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membership brochure, Beth assumed duties for the treasury and membership data, and Ann coordinated the first newsletter with Editor Elizabeth Cassidy. Soon, Deloris will head up the nominating committee and Jim, the program committee. October 21 will be the first annual meeting and workshop day.

It is time for others to join us in the upbringing of this new association. We selected the name South Carolina Archival Association and the modest dues structure with the aim of being an umbrella organization for archivists, genealogists, paraprofessionals, volunteers and other persons with an interest in preserving and providing access to South Carolina's great history. Won't you join us?

SCAA Membership List

Frank K. Babbitt, Jr., University South Caroliniana Society
Cristi L. Bade, University of South Carolina
Doris M. Bateman, Hartsville Genealogical Research Library
K. Sharon Bennett, Charleston Museum
Sarah S. Benson, Richland County Public Library
Jeanette M. Bergeron, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
Mark Berry, Arcadia Publishing
Beth Bilderback, South Caroliniana Library
Joe Boykin, Clemson University
Jane McCutchen Brown, Medical University of South Carolina
Alan C. Burns, Clemson University Libraries
Beth L. Carter, Historical Center of York County
Elizabeth Cassidy, University of South Carolina Archives
Barbara Lewis Choiniere
Robin Copp, South Caroliniana Library
Agnes B. Corbett, Camden Archives and Museum
James Edward Cross, Clemson University Libraries
Susan E. Dick, Georgia Historical Society
Ann Y. Evans, Catawba Cultural Preservation Project
Scott David French, South Caroliniana Library
Doris G. Gandy, Darlington County Historical Commission
Deloris Goggins, Chester County Historical Society
Clara H. and Robert C. Harsh
Darrick Hart, University of South Carolina
Nancy Ogden Keller
Bruce R. Kirby
Michael Kohl, Clemson University Libraries
Sharon P. Mackintosh, SC Department of Archives and History
Patricia A. Morris, SC Department of Archives and History
Matthew Prieue, Clemson University Libraries
Amy Russell, University of South Carolina
Helen S. Sanders, James R. Crumley Jr. Archives
Vicki S. Schmid, Clemson University Libraries
Suzanne Singleton, Francis Marion University James A. Rogers Library
Rodger Stroup, SC Department of Archives and History
Dennis S. Taylor, Clemson University Archives
Roy H. Tryon, SC Department of Archives and History
Steve Tuttle, SC Department of Archives and History
Robert V. Williams, USC, College of Library and Information Science
Lois D. Zemp, Kershaw County Historical Society

Membership Form

Name: _____

Address/telephone/email: _____

Membership Level: Regular \$15 _____ Student \$10 _____ Retired \$10 _____

Send completed form w/check payable to SC Archival Association to:
SCAA, c/o Beth Bilderback, South Caroliniana Library, USC, Columbia, SC 29208

Nominations Sought for SCAA Officers

By Deloris Goggins

Nominations are now being accepted for officers of SCAA. All candidates must be members of SCAA to be eligible to run for office. Deadline for nominations is June 15, 1999. Please mail or e-mail your nominations to Deloris Goggins, Chester County Historical Society, 1654 Lancaster Highway, Chester, SC 29706 (dgoggins@chestertel.com).

The slate of nominees for SCAA officers will be included in the September issue of the SCAA Newsletter. Elections will be held during the business session of the October 21, 1999 Annual SCAA Meeting.

The officers of the Association shall be:

President: Direct and coordinate the affairs of the Association, preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board, and perform other duties as directed by the Board.

Vice President/President Elect: Perform duties of the president in case of absence or resignation, serve as president elect and as official liaison with other organizations or committees with which SCAA cooperates, and perform other duties as requested by the president.

South Carolina Archival Association

Steering Committee:

Roy Tryon
Jeanette Bergeron
Beth Bilderback
Jim Cross
Ann Evans
Deloris Goggins

Elizabeth Cassidy, Editor

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Secretary: Notify Executive Board members of Board meetings, record and disseminate minutes, update and disseminate copies of the constitution and bylaws, conduct correspondence including sending notices of meetings to members. Serve as archivist for the Association.

Treasurer: Maintain custody of all funds of SCAA, disburse in accordance with annual budget or as requested by the Board, maintain accurate records of all financial transactions, present current budget reports at meetings, submit a final budget report to the Board for review, and submit a proposed budget for the following year.

Membership Officer: Oversee and maintain membership lists, send out dues notices, serve as chair of a membership committee which will solicit new members, notify archival and manuscript institutions of the Association's meetings, and issue an annual membership directory.

Two Directors: Directors in their first year shall serve on the Program Committee and perform other duties as requested by the Board or president. Directors in their second year shall chair the Program Committee, coordinate arrangements for the annual meeting, and perform other duties as requested.

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Job Announcement

Project Archivist (Temporary), Special Collections Unit, Clemson University Libraries. Under the direction of the Political Collections Archivist, the Project Archivist will process manuscript collections; produce finding aids; and perform other duties as required. Anticipated term of project: three years. Qualifications: masters degree in a related field and work experience in an archive and/or relevant academic coursework. Salary: \$28,000. Temporary position carries no benefits. Send a letter of application specifically addressing the qualifications listed above, resume and contact information of three references to: Matthew Priewe, Political Collections Archivist, Special Collections Unit, Strom Thurmond Institute Building, Box 343001, Clemson University Libraries, Clemson, SC 29634-3001. Application received by April 30, 1999 will be given first consideration. Equal opportunity employer, AA Employer.

Collection Opening

The microfilming of the Senator Strom Thurmond Collection's Gubernatorial series has been completed and the film and series have been opened for research. This series covers the period 1947-1951, when Thurmond was Governor of South

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The winner will receive a free one-year membership. Mail entry to Elizabeth Cassidy, South Caroliniana Library, USC, Columbia, SC 29208.

Suggested name: _____

Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

SC Archival Association Activities Timeline

December 1998	State Historical Records Advisory Board convenes conference on forming a state archival association Association steering committee formed and begins meeting
January 1999	Constitution and Bylaws adopted SCAA incorporated with the South Carolina Secretary of State Membership survey conducted SCAA bank account opened
February	Membership promotion at the SHRAB historical records conference Membership brochure developed and distributed SCAA committee formation begins (through mid-March)
March	Nominating Committee begins accepting nominations for SCAA leadership (limited to eligible dues-paying members; to be completed July 1st)
April	SCAA newsletter published and mailed (including list of members and membership form)
May	Completion of IRS 501 C 3 filing for non-profit status
July	Nominations for SCAA leadership (consisting of eligible dues-paying members)
August	SCAA Steering Committee reviews nominations
September	Newsletter distributed and mailed (includes slate of nominees to offices)
September 30	Deadline for payment of 1999 SCAA dues in order to be eligible to vote for officers at the October 21, 1999 meeting
October 21	SCAA Annual Meeting (to include Steering Committee reports, election of officers, and distribution of an interim membership directory)
December 15	Deadline for year 2000 membership dues
January 2000	SCAA elected officers begin serving Final version of membership directory distributed

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rather quickly since then.

The SHRAB has sponsored meetings of a steering committee to do the foundational work for a state archival association. The steering committee had its first meeting on December 14, 1998, and since then on January 5, February 9, and March 15, 1999. The pace of activity has been truly noteworthy. By mid-February, the SCAA steering committee had already promulgated an association constitution and bylaws, incorporated with the South

Carolina Secretary of State's office, opened a bank account for deposit of dues payments (that had already begun to be sent in even before a formal membership campaign), and printed a membership brochure for distribution at the SHRAB's fifth annual historical records conference held at the SC Archives and History Center on February 18, 1999. For more information about the SCAA's planned activities for the balance of this year, see the timeline on this page.

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Carolina, and includes appointment books, correspondence, proclamations, reports, speeches and telegrams relating to Thurmond's official and personal activities while Governor. Topics of interest in the series include civil rights, regional education, and women in government. In addition, this series includes material relating to Thurmond's 1948 campaign for the Presidency as the States' Rights ("Dixiecrat") Party candidate; while most of the material is concerned with the activities of the South Carolina branch of the party, the series does include information on the national campaign and thus constitutes the largest amount of States' Rights Party records still extant.

New Collection

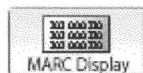
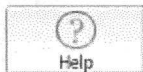
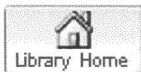
The South Caroliniana Library announces the acquisition of the collection of General William C. Westmoreland. The collection is comprised of letters from presidents and military leaders, books, scrapbooks and various artifacts that reflect the career of one of 20th-century America's most decorated military leaders. The collection does not contain all of his papers on Vietnam; much of that material is housed at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin.

Member News

Jeanette Bergeron has assumed responsibility for the Southern Region 9 Archives of the Luthern Church of America. The James R. Crumley Archives, as it is called, is housed at the library of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia. Jeanette continues to perform consulting work for individual churches and other organizations.



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