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PROPOSED NATIONAL SURVEY OF LOCAL ARCHIVES

Table II. Cost Estimates of Salaries, Travel Allowances and Supplies, by States

State	Total cost	Salaries of Operative Personnel						Travel, prorated at 2 cents per square mile	Supplies, prorated at \$3.00 per county ^a	
		Workers at county seats	Workers with travel allowance	Assigned to state, military archives	Examiners	Regional supervisors	Timekeeper-secretaries			Stenographers
United States	\$648,179	\$405,000	\$54,880	\$45,400	\$8,120	\$58,680	\$10,340	\$3,024	\$53,900	\$8,835
Alabama	18,505	14,000	-	1,200	280	1,440	220	144	1,020	201
Arizona	4,742	-	1,400	800	-	-	220	-	2,280	42
Arkansas	16,465	10,000	2,800	800	280	1,080	220	-	1,060	225
California ^b	2,020	-	-	1,800	-	-	220	-	-	-
Colorado	8,409	3,000	1,400	800	-	720	220	-	2,080	189
Connecticut	8,628	5,000	1,400	800	280	720	220	-	100	108 ^a
Delaware	2,069	1,000	-	800	-	-	220	-	40	9
District of Columbia	1,423	1,200	-	-	-	-	220	-	-	3
Florida	14,281	8,000	2,800	600	280	1,080	220	-	1,100	201
Georgia	26,547	16,000	5,600	1,200	280	1,440	220	144	1,180	483
Idaho	5,532	2,000	-	800	-	720	220	-	1,660	132
Illinois ^b	2,220	-	-	2,000	-	-	220	-	-	-
Indiana	22,280	18,000	-	1,200	280	1,440	220	144	720	276
Iowa	25,061	20,000	-	1,200	280	1,800	220	144	1,120	297
Kansas	21,759	13,000	2,800	1,200	280	2,160	220	144	1,640	315
Kentucky	23,604	16,000	2,800	1,200	280	1,800	220	144	800	360
Louisiana	15,032	8,000	2,800	1,200	280	1,440	220	-	900	192 ^c
Maine	6,095	2,000	1,400	800	280	720	220	-	600	75 ^a
Maryland	8,649	6,000	-	800	280	1,080	220	-	200	69
Massachusetts	18,109	13,000	1,400	1,200	560	1,080	220	144	160	345 ^a
Michigan	20,793	14,000	1,400	1,200	280	2,160	220	144	1,140	249
Minnesota	20,885	12,400	2,240	1,200	280	2,520	220	144	1,620	261
Mississippi	19,850	14,000	1,400	1,200	280	1,440	220	144	920	246
Missouri	26,129	19,000	1,400	1,200	280	2,160	220	144	1,380	345
Montana	7,188	2,000	-	800	-	1,080	220	-	2,920	168
Nebraska	14,783	10,000	-	800	-	1,800	220	144	1,540	279
Nevada	4,671	-	-	400	-	1,800	220	-	2,200	51
New Hampshire	3,765	1,600	560	800	-	360	220	-	180	45 ^a
New Jersey	10,643	8,000	-	1,200	280	720	220	-	160	63
New Mexico	6,653	2,000	-	800	-	1,080	220	-	2,460	93
New York	35,574	30,000	-	1,200	560	2,160	220	288	960	186
North Carolina	19,564	14,000	1,400	800	280	1,440	220	144	980	300
North Dakota	7,579	3,200	-	800	-	1,800	220	-	1,400	159
Ohio	26,728	22,000	-	1,200	280	1,800	220	144	820	264
Oklahoma	14,791	8,000	2,800	800	280	1,080	220	-	1,380	231
Oregon	6,128	2,000	-	800	-	1,080	220	-	1,920	108
Pennsylvania ^d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island	2,091	1,000	-	800	-	-	220	-	20	51
South Carolina	8,638	5,200	1,120	1,000	-	360	220	-	600	138
South Dakota	9,807	6,000	-	400	-	1,440	220	-	1,540	207
Tennessee	22,169	16,000	1,400	1,200	280	1,800	220	144	840	285
Texas	46,470	18,800	14,000	1,200	560	5,400	220	288	5,240	762
Utah	5,827	2,000	-	800	-	1,080	220	-	1,640	87
Vermont	3,753	1,600	560	800	-	360	220	-	180	33 ^a
Virginia	24,384	20,000	-	1,200	280	1,440	220	144	800	300
Washington	5,557	2,000	-	800	-	1,080	220	-	1,340	117
West Virginia ^d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	16,957	12,000	-	1,200	280	1,800	220	144	1,100	213
Wyoming	5,372	2,000	-	400	-	720	220	-	1,960	72

a. New England towns over 5,000 population.

b. County archives have been surveyed.

c. Parishes.

d. Local archives survey started.

PROPOSED NATIONAL SURVEY OF LOCAL ARCHIVES

Table I. Operative Personnel, Area, Number of Counties and Population, by States

State	Total employees	Operative Personnel							Square miles	Number of counties ^a	Population
		Workers at county seats	Workers with travel allowance	Assigned to state, military archives	Examiners	Regional supervisors	Timekeeper-secretaries	Stenographers			
United States	2,708	2,025	196	227	29	163	47	21	-	2,945	-
Alabama	83	70	-	6	1	4	1	1	51,279	67	2,000,682
Arizona	10	-	5	4	-	-	1	-	113,810	14	448,000
Arkansas	69	50	10	4	1	3	1	-	52,525	75	1,867,000
California ^b	10	-	-	9	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Colorado	27	15	5	4	-	2	1	-	103,658	63	1,047,000
Connecticut	38	25	5	4	1	2	1	-	4,820	36 ^a	1,634,000
Delaware	10	5	-	4	-	-	1	-	1,965	3	240,000
District of Columbia	7	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Florida	58	40	10	3	1	3	1	-	54,861	67	1,528,000
Georgia	113	80	20	6	1	4	1	1	58,725	161	2,910,000
Idaho	17	10	-	4	-	2	1	-	83,354	44	447,000
Illinois ^b	11	-	-	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Indiana	103	90	-	6	1	4	1	1	36,045	92	3,275,000
Iowa	114	100	-	6	1	5	1	1	55,586	99	2,479,000
Kansas	90	65	10	6	1	6	1	1	81,774	105	1,894,000
Kentucky	104	80	10	6	1	5	1	1	40,181	120	2,638,000
Louisiana	62	40	10	6	1	4	1	-	45,409	64 ^c	2,138,000
Maine	23	10	5	4	1	2	1	-	29,895	25 ^a	801,000
Maryland	39	30	-	4	1	3	1	-	9,941	23	1,653,000
Massachusetts	83	65	5	6	2	3	1	1	8,039	115 ^a	4,297,000
Michigan	90	70	5	6	1	6	1	1	57,480	83	4,983,000
Minnesota	86	62	8	6	1	7	1	1	80,858	87	2,585,000
Mississippi	88	70	5	6	1	4	1	1	46,362	82	2,036,000
Missouri	115	95	5	6	1	6	1	1	68,727	115	3,656,000
Montana	18	10	-	4	-	3	1	-	146,000	56	537,000
Nebraska	61	50	-	4	-	5	1	1	76,808	93	1,388,000
Nevada	8	-	-	2	-	5	1	-	109,821	17	93,000
New Hampshire	16	8	2	4	-	1	1	-	9,031	15 ^a	468,000
New Jersey	50	40	-	6	1	2	1	-	7,514	21	4,148,000
New Mexico	18	10	-	4	-	3	1	-	122,503	31	431,000
New York	167	150	-	6	2	6	1	2	47,654	62	12,588,066
North Carolina	86	70	5	4	1	4	1	1	48,740	100	3,244,000
North Dakota	26	16	-	4	-	5	1	-	70,183	53	685,000
Ohio	124	110	-	6	1	5	1	1	40,740	88	6,753,000
Oklahoma	59	40	10	4	1	3	1	-	69,414	77	2,440,000
Oregon	18	10	-	4	-	3	1	-	95,607	36	974,000
Pennsylvania ^d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rhode Island	10	5	-	4	-	-	1	-	1,067	17	698,000
South Carolina	37	26	4	5	-	1	1	-	30,495	46	1,745,000
South Dakota	37	30	-	2	-	4	1	-	76,868	69	700,000
Tennessee	99	80	5	6	1	5	1	1	41,687	95	2,650,000
Texas	170	94	50	6	2	15	1	2	262,398	254	5,964,000
Utah	18	10	-	4	-	3	1	-	82,184	29	515,000
Vermont	16	8	2	4	-	1	1	-	9,124	11 ^a	360,000
Virginia	113	100	-	6	1	4	1	1	40,262	100	2,435,000
Washington	18	10	-	4	-	3	1	-	66,836	39	1,588,000
West Virginia ^d	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	74	60	-	6	1	5	1	1	55,256	71	2,976,000
Wyoming	15	10	-	2	-	2	1	-	97,548	24	229,000

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February 12, 1934.

Mr. Solon J. Buch,
Historical Bldg.,
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buch:

You have been recommended as a key person in your State to participate actively in a national survey of local archives covered by the enclosed plans. Will you please telegraph me, if possible, with regard to your availability for such cooperative activity and advise me of any others who should be included?

The matter, as you will note from the enclosed, is extremely urgent, for which reason I should appreciate a prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Mayer
Chairman, Commission on
National Archives Survey

JM:HC

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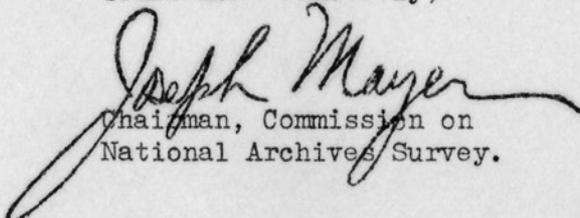
February 12, 1934

IMPORTANT AND URGENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

1. Attention of archivists, librarians, historians, adjutant generals, and others is invited to the attached proposal for a national survey of local archives under C.W.A. auspices.
2. Suggestions are solicited with respect to names of key persons to direct the various state organizations, and of available personnel to be employed by C.W.A. in the states and in Washington under the contemplated set-up, if and when approved.
3. No greater opportunity has ever been presented and will probably never again be given to secure a comprehensive inventory of the basic materials upon which public officials and students of social organization must depend for a more accurate and complete picture of the history and institutions of our country; but whether the project will be approved or will be carried to a successful conclusion after approval, must depend upon the cooperation and assistance of those persons throughout the nation who appreciate the opportunity and who can and will give of their time and thought for the next two to three months.
4. If we can count upon you, will you please write the under-signed immediately, and, in any event, will you give us the benefit of your close contact with the local situation to suggest the names of key people for the direction of such a project in your state, and of others who might fit into the suggested organization plans attached? This letter is being sent only to a highly-selected list of individuals, even though it is not personally addressed in the interests of economy and expedition.

Yours most sincerely,


Chairman, Commission on
National Archives Survey.

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February 12, 1934

The Director,
Office of National Parks, Buildings, and Reservations,
Department of Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Attention of Mr. Verne E. Chatelaine, Historian.

Dear Sir:

There is submitted herewith a proposal for a Federal Civil Works project, to employ about 2700 workers at a cost of around \$500,000, to provide a national survey of local archives under the direction of a Commission on a National Archives Survey recently constituted for this purpose by the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council.

Besides the undersigned, who has been appointed Chairman of the Commission, its membership is as follows:

- V. E. Chatelaine, Historian, Office of National Parks, Buildings and Reservations, Department of Interior.
- Curtis W. Garrison, Archivist, State of Pennsylvania.
- A. R. Newsome, Chairman, Public Archives Commission, American Historical Association.
- Francis S. Philbrick, Law School, University of Pennsylvania.
- Lt. Col. J. M. Scammell, National Guard Bureau.
- T. R. Schellenberg, Executive Secretary, Joint Committee on Materials for Research.

If the project is approved, the Commission will undertake, with the assistance of such bodies as the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, The American Military History Foundation, The American Library Association, The American Association of Museums, The Office of National Parks, Buildings, and Reservations, The National Guard Bureau, The American Historical Association, especially its Public Archives Commission, The American Legal History Society, and other actively interested organizations, to direct and carry it out as a national undertaking. The cooperation of the states and of state branches of the afore-mentioned societies and other bodies is of course essential, toward which end wide-spread assurance of active support has already been vouchsafed. A list of key persons in the various states is now being prepared for submittal to your office and will be sent you in a few days. A detailed statement of the enclosed project has been sent to all of them.

Director, Office National Parks

Feb. 12, 1934

The proposed undertaking has a background of many years of preparation and experience, through the surveys and studies carried forward for some 30 years by the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association, the preparatory work of the past several years of the National Guard Bureau and the American Military History Foundation, the surveys of local archives in California and Illinois, and the present Pennsylvania Civil Works Survey of local archives in which has been used as a model in preparing the national project. Dr. C. W. Garrison, State Archivist of Pennsylvania, is the director of the Pennsylvania project and has assisted in setting up the proposed national project.

The proposed inventory would equip public officials and students of American social history with an important tool of research, and help to draw more scholarship into local history. The experience of the National Parks Office in surveying historical materials in Westmoreland County and elsewhere proves that work of this type gives leadership and stimulation to the interest of the people in their own local institutions. Priceless archival treasures are sometimes uncovered, being made useful by discovery, and saved from the peril of loss or destruction.

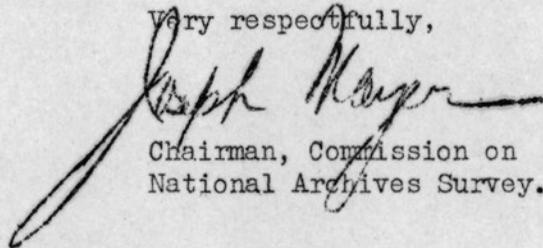
The inventory would be a first step in the improvement of the archival practices of American local government units. These materials are in general badly stored and ill administered. Scientific policies of selection, preservation and destruction must come. The starting point for these is the inventory.

Since at a certain period the archives problem becomes a problem of cubic footage of fireproof storage space, a survey and analysis of archives, their present housing and their rate of growth, is a natural part of the long-range planning of public works.

The experience of the Federal government in carrying out the Historic Buildings Survey and of the State of Pennsylvania in organizing an inventory of archives under the CWA indicates that it would be practicable to set up this project.

We therefore request your attention to the enclosed memorandum and attachments outlining the proposal in detail.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ralph Hays", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Chairman, Commission on
National Archives Survey.

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LIBRARY PROJECTS UNDER THE CIVIL WORKS ADMINISTRATION (CWA)

CIRCULAR NO. V.

MEMORANDUM ON A PROPOSED NATIONAL SURVEY OF LOCAL ARCHIVES

Part I. Program

The eight weeks national survey of local archives herein proposed would constitute an inventory of documents, bearing on the nation's institutions and history, preserved in the main in county offices, but also in other local and state depositories. Its purpose would be: to uncover and make available for public officials and students of governmental, economic, military, legal, and social history generally, most important source materials which are at present hidden away or heedlessly destroyed; to improve the archival practices of local American governmental units and make for uniformity and comparability where now there is the widest divergence and haphazard accumulation; and to afford a reliable basis for more careful selection and preservation and for estimates of future archive building needs. The results would be filed in local offices and libraries, in the state libraries, in the Library of Congress, and in the new National Archives Building.

The inventory would in general cover the evidence of settled social organization in the United States, and would include records of taxation, mortgages, roads, property titles and transfers, wills, vital statistics, the care of the poor and insane, adoptions, naturalizations, schools, militia and other military and naval organizations, etc. The description and analysis of these records are illustrated by forms used in the Somerset County, Pennsylvania, Survey, which may be secured from the State Archivist of Pennsylvania.

The proposed inventory would be carried out in those states in which proper and active direction is assured, and would follow the experience of such states as California, Illinois, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, in which successful inventories of local archives have already been completed or are now in progress. In Pennsylvania, a state C.W.A. archives project has been carried out in the past two months, the successful procedures of which have been made the basis of the present proposal for a national survey.

The established procedure for keeping archival records differs from state to state and from county to county, so that no universally applicable set of forms can be worked out, but so far as possible comparability of results would be an important consideration, to be achieved through national and state cooperation in the proposed eight weeks survey. There would need to be a national organization, state organizations in those states in which the inventories are undertaken, regional supervisors to carry out directions and provide instruction, and one or more workers in the counties of comparable divisions. Besides counties, such political subdivisions would include the towns of New England and other local offices; and where the state depositories had not yet been adequately surveyed, these would likewise be inventoried. The organization of the survey would be in terms of an operative unit and an administrative unit. The number of people to be employed in these units is estimated as 2708 for the operative unit and 66 for the administrative, on the

assumption that 2945 counties or comparable subdivisions would be covered. The break-down by states is indicated on the attached Tables I and II, giving the details with respect to operative personnel, areas, number of counties, and population; and cost estimates of salaries, travel allowances, and supplies.

Part II. Organization

I. Operative Unit.

1. Workers.

The total number of workers, their weekly rates of pay, and the total cost for eight weeks, summarized from the attached details by states, are as follows:

2025 general workers @ \$25.00	\$405,000
196 workers who travel @ \$35.00	54,880
227 workers assigned to state archives and military records @ \$25.00	45,400
29 state examiners @ \$35.00	8,120
163 regional supervisors @ \$45.00 (plus travel allowance, see below)	58,680
47 time-keeper-secretaries @ \$27.50	10,340
21 stenographer-typists @ \$18.00	3,024
<hr/> 2708 workers	<hr/> \$585,444

The first three groups of workers would be assigned definite locations in county court houses or in state archives and depositories, except in sparsely settled states where some workers might have to employ their time on two or more locations at a distance from their home. For this reason 196 such positions should carry a salary range of \$10.00 per week extra to allow for this added expense. The 227 other workers would inventory state archives in those states where this is necessary and practicable. From this group would also be assigned workers to compile the list of all official military records and other records of value for the military history of the state, under instructions issued by the respective state Adjutant Generals.

The 29 state examiners or research assistants would receive weekly post-card progress reports from the workers, and would control the quality of the inventories. In the smaller and sparsely settled states, the state directors would carry on this work themselves.

The 163 regional supervisors would be exceedingly important to the successful carrying out of the project, as has already been demonstrated in Pennsylvania. They would be located at strategic points geographically, use their own automobiles for which a travel allowance should be provided (see below) on the basis of mileage covered per week, and would move about their assigned groups of counties, assisting in the selection of county workers, instructing them in their duties, and supervising their work. In small counties, or where no competent workers are available, the supervisors themselves would prepare the inventories.

The 47 time-keeper-secretaries would be attached to the state offices, would keep the time sheets, would make out the pay rolls, and in many states would also act in a stenographic-secretarial capacity.

The 21 stenographer-typists would be attached to the larger state offices.

It is assumed that an independent check upon C.W.A. disbursements in each state would be taken care of quite apart from the project itself.

2. Supplies.

Approximately 3,000 reams of paper of various grades would be needed. Mimeograph machines should be rented in the larger states, where the services of one could not be obtained through the state authorities. Approximately 100 typewriters would be required. Many could be supplied by state governments. The remainder might be rented. The total supply expense would be around \$10,000, or at a cost of \$3.00 per county, \$1165 for the national office, and \$8835 for the state offices.

3. Travel.

The allowance for travel would be about \$55,000, all but \$1100 of which to be assigned to the state offices on the basis of state areas as indicated in Tables I and II. The travel allowance is one of the most necessary outlays in a local archives survey, especially as it affects the regional supervisors (whose work is all important to the success of the inventories).

4. Total Operative Cost.*

2708 workers	\$585,444
Supplies .(of this \$1165 is for national office)	10,000
Travel . .(of this \$1100 is for national office)	55,000
	\$650,444*
Total	\$650,444*
Average cost per worker	\$240
(*\$648,179 for state offices, \$2265 for national office)	

II. Administrative Unit.

The administration of the proposed project would be through state directors and a national office. The personnel, salaries on a two months basis, and the totals would be as follows:

1 National Director @ \$400	\$ 800
2 Assistants to National Director @ \$350	1,400
8 National Research Assistants @ \$200	3,200
2 Secretaries in National office @ \$150	600
6 Stenographer-typists @ \$120	1,440
23 State Directors @ \$300	13,800
24 State Directors unpaid	
	\$ 21,240
66 Total Administrative Staff	\$ 21,240
(One-half month additional--See III below)	5,310
	\$ 26,550
Total for two and one-half months	\$ 26,550

The National Director's functions would be to plan the project as a whole, to select the director for each state and territory, to supervise and correlate the work, to allocate the funds therefor, as it progresses, and to make a critical study of the results.

The two assistants to the national director would be an assistant national director and an executive assistant, whose duties it would be to relieve him of certain responsibilities, and handle business and fiscal matters incident to the survey.

The eight national research assistants would make a preliminary study of various state laws and procedure bearing upon the maintenance of local archives and attend to a multiplicity of questions arising from the states. They should in the first instance travel to the states where the organization of the survey needs personal attention, and therefore an allowance for travel on the national office budget would be necessary. This would enable the research assistants to organize states employing large numbers of workers which might otherwise never get started in such a short time. After this organization, however, travel by national officers would be at a minimum.

Two secretaries and six stenographer-typists would, it is estimated, be necessary to carry out the routine activities of the national office.

The forty-seven state directors would be selected by the national director in conference with the Commission on a National Archives Survey. In about half the states a state librarian, historian, archivist, or adjutant general of the National Guard would, it is estimated, be available for the position, his services being given at the expense of the state, as in the Pennsylvania survey. The functions of the state directors would be the preparation of proper forms for the description of the archives, the selection of the staff, the preliminary instruction of the regional supervisors, the revision and the editing of the inventories, the preparation of copies of these for deposit in the county, in the state, and in the Library of Congress or National Archives Building, and, if time permits, for some critical study of the inventories.

For the sixty-six members of the administrative unit, national clearance with respect to their selection should be allowed, as well as for the following personnel in the operative unit:

47 Assistants to the State Directors.
163 Regional supervisors.

III. Relation between Administrative and Operative Units.

It is proposed that the survey of local archives, as outlined under the operative unit of the proposed project, begin functioning March 5th and continue through April 28th. In order for this to be accomplished, at least two weeks advance organization for the administrative unit should be allowed, which should therefore be set up by February 19th, if the project is approved.

The proposed project to employ some 2775 workers, at a cost of about \$677,000, is based upon the assumption of a maximum cooperation from the states and upon the salary schedules of the northern zone used in the current Pennsylvania C.W.A. archives project. Since some states would be unable to cooperate and the salary schedules for the central and southern zones are less, the actual total allotment needed for the project would be somewhat lower. So far as can be judged at this time, the expectancy of cooperation by the states is such that a \$500,000 allowance for the project should be adequate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH MAYER

Chairman, Commission on
National Archives Survey.

February 12, 1934

Nat. Archives Survey

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Dear Dr. Buck,

It occurred to me after I hung up that I might have inadvertently seemed to be angling for the job of national Director. I had never thought for one moment that I could do that, as it needs a better known and more experienced man. I do think I could fill the position of assistant National Director capably and might be of help in moving the difficult machinery of the CWA.

Dr. Mayer has gotten more done in a short time than anybody else so far and I think his mind and ability on this work would insure its ultimate success.

With great appreciation of your help and encouragement,

Sincerely

Curtis W. Garrison

Nat. Archives Survey

February 13, 1934

Dr. Curtis W. Garrison,
Archivist, State Library,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Garrison:

I have had a talk with Field and he is interested in the possibility of working on the National Archives Survey. Naturally, he does not want to commit himself until he has some idea what the compensation would be. I should hate to lose his services just at this time but I would be willing to make an arrangement to allow him a leave of absence for three months. He tells me that he has decided not to apply for the position in the National Park Service. If for any reason Field should not be available, we are agreed that Johnson would be the best man.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

P. S. - Since dictating the above I have received your letter. I did not at all get the impression to which you refer. I feel sure that you would be of very great value on the staff of the Archives Survey. Mayer is undoubtedly a man of great energy and one who knows the ropes. I believe that he will do a good job if he gives enough time to it but he has a good many other irons in the fire. I am, as I indicated in our conversation, somewhat puzzled to know the basis of his expectation of appointment.

S. J. B.

SJB:AM

Nat. Archives Survey



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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February 14, 1934

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Director
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram just
sent to Dr. Mayer.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis W. Garrison

Curtis W. Garrison, Archivist, State Library
Director, Civil Works Service
Historical Survey of Pennsylvania

CWG:b
enc.

*I received your letter, for which many
thanks.*

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February 14, 1934

Telegram

Dr. Joseph B. Mayer
Washington, D. C.

Department feels it inadvisable for me to leave except for few days. Survey here large proposition involving four hundred eighty. Advise get adequate staff immediately. Shall be glad to act as advisor any time. Think Joint Committee not aware extent of problem. Should give you money and staff immediately.

(Signed) Curtis W. Garrison

*Not checked
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Mr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Building
4338 Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

A draft of the archives project growing out of the two Washington conferences (January 23 and February 8) and of the New York meeting of the Joint Committee on February 2 and 3, was presented to Mr. Verne E. Chatelaine of the Office of National Parks, Buildings and Reservations the morning of February 13.

A copy is being sent you herewith, together with covering letters, etc.

Changes in the project are still possible, and I should like to get your further consideration and judgment on it.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Mayer
Joseph Mayer

JM:gh

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February 14, 1934

Dr. Robert C. Binkley
Flora Stone Mather College
Western Reserve University
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Binkley:

After a most hectic week and burning of the "midnight oil", the archives project was yesterday submitted to Mr. Chataigne, broken down by states. A thousand copies are being mimeographed and planographed for distribution throughout the country, and 200 or so personal letters have been prepared to be sent to the "key names" which Schellenberg helped prepare. Copies of all these are going forward to you and to the members of the Joint Committee.

The whole matter is, of course, still in a tentative stage, and approval of the project is by no means certain, but there seems no other way than to press forward simultaneously on all fronts and hope for the best.

Garrison was here for three days and assisted materially on the break-down by states. He may come back again this week, for I shall certainly need him close at hand for a week or so if the plan gets momentum. I took the responsibility of suggesting that he come back at the Joint Committee's expense, and hope you approve. There is a ~~great~~ great deal still to be done in a preliminary way.

In order to meet the dead-line of getting the project in yesterday morning, I had to employ three typist-stenographers all day yesterday. Some rush! I only hope it will bring results. If it doesn't nationally, we still have the alternative of pushing matters in various states.

I agree with every word of yours of the 10th of February. Garrison is doing a great job in Pennsylvania, and if the national project goes through I'd like to have him right here with me. At the first rift in the lute, I'll follow up your suggestions bearing on Garrison's excellent manuscript survey.

2/14/34

I do hope Crane can assist us as you say he might, not only in certain areas, but with respect to such expenses as rent of offices, stamps, telephones and telegraph expenses, etc., where these cannot be supplied through local channels, for we cannot expect to get help for these through GSA. Also, with this archives project taking so much time, I see my stenographic allowance of \$100 disappearing fast, with letters from the field piling up at the same time. I have quite unexpectedly found an excellent assistant and wish I could hold on to her so long as the need is pressing. I know the Joint Committee budget is pretty well used up. Couldn't emergency help be secured quite apart from this? I still have enough left for a couple of weeks, so the matter isn't urgent just now, but I see it looming up soon.

With warmest regards,

Yours cordially,

Joseph Hayer

JH:gh

P.S. The \$950,000,000 bill is still in conference with rumors afloat that no new Federal projects will be allowed. There are two alternatives: first, that the project may be set up under PRA, and Chastaine and I are looking into this possibility; and second, that the various states may be stimulated to set up state projects of their own as a result of having our more concrete plans before them, and as a result of further initiative of those on our list of key names, now numbering around 180. J.H.

P.S. 2. Your telegram has just come, and I have replied as follows: "Materials sent you today explain situation in detail stop project submitted Tuesday stop Interior Department must wait on disposition of pending bill but suggest your going ahead with Ohio setup immediately stop Schellenberg might be used there or here as project develops stop he might assist materially in Ohio right away while matters here work time stop see no reason for withholding publicity if made clear that project is still pending." I have sent this collect (day letter) in order to expedite matters here at the Library of Congress. J.H.

*Nat. Archives
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February 16, 1934

Dr. Joseph Mayer,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I have received your letter of February 14 with enclosures and have read the project through carefully. It seems to me that you and Garrison have done a very good job and have the situation well in hand.

Garrison tells me that, if the project is set up, some assistance for the national staff will probably be wanted from Pennsylvania. I think that the best contribution that I could make would be to give a leave of absence to Mr. Alston G. Field of my staff in order to enable him to serve if his services should be desired. He is the man who made the inventory of the Somerset County archives, which to some extent served as the model for the Pennsylvania project, and he had a very large part in setting up the state project in this section. It would be a serious handicap to us to let him go at the present time but we would be willing to make the sacrifice if it would be advantageous to the national project and to him personally.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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TO ACTIVE COOPERATORS IN LOCAL ARCHIVES SURVEYS:

1. Please allow me in the interests of expedition to use this seemingly impersonal method of acknowledging, in the name of the Commission, the many telegraphic responses we have received in connection with the proposed local archives survey. The responses indicate an active interest in many sections of the country. Personal letters covering special problems will be sent shortly. Just now we are swamped.

2. An immediate question is a change of procedure necessitated by a last minute amendment to the \$950,000,000 bill just signed by the President, which emphasizes and encourages local initiative in any further projects set up under C.W.A. and C.W.S. Pennsylvania has developed a most successful C.W.A. and C.W.S. local archives project. West Virginia is following in Pennsylvania's footsteps. Other states can do likewise, if interested groups or individuals will act promptly, before the new C.W.A. allotments are assigned.

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Very truly yours,

Joseph Mayer
Chairman, Commission on
National Archives Survey.

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Nat. Archives Survey

FEB 12 1954

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To: Members of the NATIONAL ARCHIVES COMMISSION

Copy to Dr. Solon J. Buck

The enclosed letter which is going out today to our list of 200 "key" people will more or less speak for itself. You doubtless noted from the newspapers what has happened. The new CMA law disallows new federal projects.

I should appreciate your suggestions as to further procedure under the altered circumstances. We have had excellent response, more than 50 telegrams promising cooperation, and more arriving hourly.

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The list of 200 "key" names is enclosed. Will you kindly look this over and make any changes or marginal comments that may be useful and return to me? A revised list will be sent you in a few days.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours cordially,

Joseph Mayer
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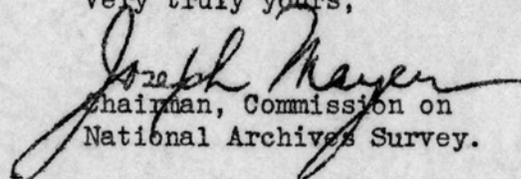
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Chairman, Commission on
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Handwritten:
Nat. Archives Survey

February 21, 1934

Dr. Joseph Mayer,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I have looked over your list of two hundred key people in the various states and I have a few suggestions to make.

For Florida, I would suggest consultations with Dr. James A. Robertson, 54 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. He is secretary of one of the Florida historical societies.

For Illinois, Paul M. Angle, secretary of the State Historical Society, Springfield, should certainly be consulted.

For Iowa, the name of Dr. Benj. F. Shambaugh, superintendent of the State Historical Society, Iowa City, should be included.

For North Dakota, add the name of Dr. O. G. Libby, secretary of the State Historical Society and professor of history in the University.

In Ohio, Dr. Harlow Lindley, curator of history, for the State Historical Society, at Columbus, would be more likely to co-operate than would Galbreath, the librarian.

In Pennsylvania, Garrison is, of course, much more of a "key man" than an I, even if my name should be spelled correctly.

The last name in the Tennessee list should be Hamer, not Homer.

For West Virginia, I would suggest the name of Professor C. C. Williams, Jr., College of Law, West Virginia University, Morgantown. He has been active in promoting county and state surveys of archives and would probably be more valuable than would Chitwood.

For Wisconsin, I would add the name of Professor John D. Hicks, history department, University of Wisconsin, Madison, especially as I understand that Dr. Schafer of the Historical Society is ill.

I am not very hopeful of many state surveys getting started or of getting satisfactory results without national supervision, but I suppose that we ought to do everything that we can in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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COMMISSION ON NATIONAL ARCHIVES SURVEY

Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1954

To: Messrs Chatelaine, Garrison, Newsome, Philbrick, Seamsell, Schellenberg

My office here is certainly swamped - 80 urgent telegrams and as many letters from virtually every state.

We are making acknowledgements as fast as we can, endeavoring to bring the key people in each state together as quickly as possible.

In addition, at Dr. Hinkley's suggestion, I have written the Social Science Research Council for funds to keep us going here till about March 15 and to provide travel expenses for members of the Commission who are in a position to assist in setting up OWA survey projects in near-by states.

Mr. T. R. Schellenberg is getting ready to assist in Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, and possibly also in Kentucky and Wisconsin.

Col. J. M. Seamsell advises that he may be in a position to do a limited amount of visiting away from Washington.

Mr. V. E. Chatelaine suggests that the historical technicians of the Office of National Parks, Buildings and Reservations (each of whom is in charge of a group of states) may be called upon to render assistance to the states in their territories.

Dr. Solon J. Buck suggests that Mr. Alston C. Field of his staff (the man who made the inventory of the Somerset County, Pennsylvania, archives) might be given leave of absence for a limited time to render similar service.

Dr. C. W. Garrison may be able to spare a trained man from his staff.

Dr. A. H. Newsome is active in North Carolina and may be able to reach other states in the South and Southeast (as Arkansas).

Dr. P. S. Philbrick might possibly assist further in Delaware, and New Jersey, and in some of the New England states. In New York state Mr. Julius Boyd can devote his time actively.

Some of the foregoing suggestions are quite tentative and I should appreciate your further advice. Brief summaries of the situation in states in which members of the Commission are interested (as per the enclosed sample covering Michigan) will be supplied from here as quickly as they can be prepared.

I appreciate more than I can say the splendid cooperation which you are extending and trust I may be pardoned for not answering your recent letters individually at this time. All your suggestions are being followed in the memoranda now being prepared

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Hayer

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COMMISSION ON NATIONAL ARCHIVES SURVEY

Washington, D. C.

Attention of:

Re: State CWA Archives Surveys - Michigan

Supplementing letter of February 17, persons actively interested in an archives survey in your state are listed below. Those marked with an asterisk (*) have either telegraphed or written indicating a desire to cooperate. These people will probably be of most assistance in setting up your state CWA project.

Details of further assistance by members of the National Commission, in view of the changed conditions outlined in the letter of February 17, will be sent you shortly.

Mr. T. E. Schallenberg, a member of the Commission, at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, is available for assistance in setting up a CWA project in Michigan.

List of Key People

<u>Name</u>	<u>Their comments in brief</u>
*Dr. Sandeloh G. Adams, Librarian Clements Library, Ann Arbor	Away; acknowledged by his office.
*Dr. George H. Fuller, Secretary Michigan Historical Commission Lansing	Requests previous materials and information.
*G. B. Kras, Chief Burton Historical Collection Detroit Public Library Detroit, Michigan	Personal leadership impossible owing to illness, but willing to cooperate and assist
*Arthur Saiton University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Glad to cooperate.
*Col. John S. Bersay, A. G. Office of the Adjutant General State Capitol, Lansing	Highly desirous survey be made; has conferred with Dr. Fuller

Recommended as of Possible Help

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W. E. Quife, Burton Library, Detroit
L. G. Vandervelde, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Prof. W. W. Blume, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor
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