

Congressional Papers Roundtable Newsletter

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FROM THE CHAIR

Cynthia Pease Miller

Greetings everyone. How good it was to see so many of you in Denver and to see how many of you were participants in program sessions. Your activities help bring congressional papers into the mainstream of archives and make our roundtable more active than other groups of our same size. On to Washington!

Many thanks to Pam Hackbart-Dean for the superb job she did as chair of the roundtable. And while her job no longer includes congressional papers, she has nonetheless graciously agreed to continue her responsibilities as chair of the nominating committee. You will be hearing from her! Also thanks to Glenda Stevens, Jeff Suchanek, and Brian Williams for their service these last two years on the steering committee. Mike McReynolds, who represented the Center for Legislative Archives on the steering committee, has retired; best wishes for many relaxed and happy years. Mike Gillette, director of the Center, will appoint their new representative at a later time.

Following up on the excellent preservation survey conducted by Jeff Suchanek and Mark Greene and the presentation of its results at the Denver meeting, Jeff has agreed to chair a preservation task force for the roundtable. This task force will seek to build on this survey, explore ways to implement its findings, and reach out to other sections and roundtables within SAA. Jeff will report on its initial work at the roundtable meeting in Washington. The preservation survey was mentioned prominently in the *Third Report of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress*.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter the *Third Report of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress* will be the subject of an afternoon forum in Washington on Wednesday August 29. Karen Paul is organizing this event. The first two reports of the Advisory Committee focused on the official records of the House and Senate. This third report breaks new ground in examining personal office papers. This forum is designed to provide an opportunity to explore a common agenda with the Advisory Committee and discuss in a less formal manner what we see as the future challenges of modern congressional collections. The emphasis is on discussion and exchange of ideas. Not since the conference in Portland, Maine, sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Library in 1994, have we had such an opportunity. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

The roundtable meeting itself will follow a different format this year. Because several of you have approached me about particular ideas or experiences that you want to share with the roundtable, we will have several short presentations followed by discussion. Please contact me if you would like

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CPR FORUM PLANNED FOR SAA IN WASHINGTON, DC

The Congressional Papers Roundtable is planning a forum for Wednesday, August 29, 2001, from 1:30 to 5:00 PM. The topic is the *Third Report of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress*. The Advisory Committee was established in 1990 by P.L.101-509 and is required to report to Congress every five years. This *Third Report* is the first to contain discussions and recommendations regarding the preservation of papers of the members of Congress. It raises several issues of interest to the Roundtable. The Forum is designed to provide an opportunity to discuss these issues and develop an action agenda for addressing them. Since its establishment, the Advisory Committee has proved to be a remarkable vehicle for accomplishing goals related to improving congressional documentation. Members of the Advisory Committee will be invited to attend the conference. Try not to miss this opportunity to make some real progress in the area of members' papers.

FORUM AGENDA

- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2001 1:30 - 5:00 P.M.**
- 1:30** Opening remarks: Briefing on the Advisory Committee and the Third Report
Background of the Committee
- 2:00** Panel I: "Improving Archival Practices on Capitol Hill" - staff archivists, systems administrators, and congressional administrative staff discuss preservation criteria, records management issues, and strategies to improve records management and disposition
- 2:45** Break
- 3:00** Panel II: "Developing Public Policy Research Centers" - discussion of goals, programs, and ways and means by staff from representative research institutions
- 3:45** Focus groups:
Panel I: Improving Archival Practices on Capitol Hill (Preservation criteria-adoption and promotion of, Staff and repository archivists role)
Panel II: Developing Public Policy Research Centers (Promotion of center development, Funding)
- 4:45** Summary
Focus groups report their findings and agenda
- 5:00** Reception

★★★RESPONSE REQUESTED★★★

To assist with planning, please indicate whether or not you might attend. We are asking Roundtable members to respond to Karen Paul by phone at 202-224-3351 or by email at karen_paul@sec.senate.gov. The report will be mailed to all Roundtable members and will be posted at http://www.senate.gov/learning/acrc_report.html.

The University of Connecticut is pleased to announce the donation of Congressman Sam Gejdenson's papers to the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University. Gejdenson's papers will be added to the Dodd Center's collection of Congressional papers that include the papers of Thomas J. Dodd, Barbara Kennelly, Prescott Bush, Francis Maloney, Bruce Morrison and William Ratchford, among others.

Gejdenson, known as a passionate advocate for children, senior citizens, and working families, fought to bring modern technology to schools and to make college more affordable. He also worked to enhance retirement security, to create jobs in the United States by promoting the export of American-made goods and services, and to protect the environment for the enjoyment of future generations.

Mr. Gejdenson represented the Second District of Connecticut from 1981 until 2001. The collection consists of 182 cubic feet of materials pertaining to his Congressional career and includes correspondence, reports, news clippings, press releases, speeches, committee and issue files, and audiovisual materials. A public announcement will be made when the collection is opened for research.

Gejdenson, the first child of Holocaust survivors elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, was born in 1948 in an American displaced persons camp in Eschwege, Germany. He received an A.S. degree from Mitchell College in New London, Connecticut in 1968 and is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a B.A. awarded in 1970. In 1974, he was elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives, serving two terms before accepting a post in the administration of Connecticut Governor Ella T. Grasso. In the 104th and 105th Congresses, Gejdenson served as Co-Chairman of the Democratic Task Force on Retirement Security. In the 106th Congress, Representative Gejdenson served as the Ranking Democrat on the Committee on International Relations. Gejdenson was a member of the Committee since coming to Congress in 1981. His other committee appointments included the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Joint Committee on the Organization of Congress, Joint Library Committee, Committee on House Administration and several task forces.

For more information about the Sam Gejdenson Papers, or other political collections at the Dodd Center, contact Betsy Pittman at Betsy.Pittman@uconn.edu or (860) 486-4507.

Betsy Pittman

The Historical Society of Delaware is proud to announce that it has been named the archival repository for the records of Senator William V. Roth's 34-year career in Congress. Approximately 1,100 cubic feet of manuscripts, photographs, electronic records, and memorabilia have arrived at the Society. The collection is not yet open for research.

Connie Cooper

The University of Delaware Press has published *Honest John Williams: U.S. Senator from Delaware* by Carol E. Hoffecker. (Newark: University of Delaware Press, 2000). Hoffecker, eminent Delaware historian and Richards Professor of History at the University of Delaware, made extensive use of the congressional papers of John J. Williams and his colleague J. Allen Frear, Jr., both of which are processed and available for research at the University of Delaware Library. Williams served four terms in the Senate, 1947-1970, deciding not to seek a fifth term based on his belief in the principle of mandatory retirement at age 65 for members of Congress.

Williams was a highly independent Republican who championed financial accountability and integrity in government. He pursued numerous cases of corruption and government waste, bringing before the Congress and the public eye the tax scandals in the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the Truman administration and the Bobby Baker case of influence peddling in the Senate in the mid-1960s. Williams served on both the Finance and the Foreign Affairs committees.

In the ten years that the Williams papers have been available for research, a growing number of students and faculty on campus have used the collection to research popular issues of the 1950s and '60s, such as desegregation or the Vietnam War, as well as Delaware state issues. Off-campus researchers have used the papers for biographies of state and national politicians and Delaware political histories. Several researchers have made comparative use of Senator Williams's papers with related files from the papers of Senator J. Allen Frear, Jr., whose two terms, 1949-1961, overlapped with Williams's career. Hoffecker, in particular, made effective use of the two collections in explaining the complicated story of the Supreme Court-ordered divestment of the DuPont-GM companies and how each Senator dealt with the issues involved.

L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin

The Claude Pepper Foundation approved and funded the first year of the POLARIS (Pepper Online Archival Retrieval and Information System) project, Phase 2, for the Claude Pepper Library, Florida State University. Funding will be sought for the second year of Phase 2 and subsequent phases of this project. In Phase 1, which ended in December 2000, the Pepper Library web site, online finding aid, and the POLARIS search engine were created, enabling researchers to examine the Pepper Collection's finding aid and retrieve information about the holdings. The POLARIS search engine queries the online finding aid and returns results at the folder list level.

In Phase 2, selected original documents will be digitized and indexed. These papers will include correspondence, speeches, campaign materials, legislation, and committee files. The topics include Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal, Social Security, health care, and World War II, among others. Several photographs and portions of audiovisual recordings from Pepper's U.S. Senate years will also be digitized in this phase.

These materials will be made available for viewing on the Pepper Library web site, <http://pepper.cpb.fsu.edu/library>.

Burt Altman

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The Joint Archives of Holland, Hope College, announced the official opening of the Congressman Guy A. Vander Jagt papers in November. The materials cover not only Vander Jagt's 26 years in Congress, but the decade before as well. His activities from 1957 until his election to the House included serving as news director of WWTV in Cadillac, practicing law at Warner, Norcross & Judd in Grand Rapids, and serving in Michigan's state senate during 1965-66. A complete press release is available at <http://www.hope.edu/pr/releases/showpr.cgi?page=old/vanderjagtpapers.20Nov2000>.

Geoffrey D. Reynolds

Project archivist Jean Bischoff joined the Robert J. Dole Papers Project at the **University of Kansas** in January on a three year appointment. Jean received an M.L.I.S. from the University of South Carolina at Columbia and a B.A. from the American University in Washington, D.C.

Bischoff brings to the Dole Papers team an academic concentration in archival administration and archive practicum, including project assistance on an NHPRC grant for photograph preservation and assistance with the archival programming at the South Carolina Holocaust Survivors Project. Her academic preparation also included the processing of Senator Bradley P. Morah's papers at the University of South Carolina.

The Dole Papers comprise the historical materials from Dole's thirty-five years of service in the U.S. House and Senate. Holdings include records of Dole's thirteen political campaigns, Dole's Senate Republican Leadership papers, and materials from Senator Dole's post-Senate activities, his work for the WWII Memorial Campaign and his chairmanship of the International Commission on Missing Persons in the Former Yugoslavia.

Bryan Culp

Significant work has been accomplished on the processing of the John Glenn Archives at **The Ohio State University** during the past year. The audiovisual portion of the collection is now sufficiently arranged to respond to reference requests and the majority of the artifacts within the collection are cataloged. Other processed portions of the collection include the media relations and constituent services series, along with the legislative staff and voting record sub-series within the legislative series. Work has commenced on the committee files and campaign records. In addition, a volunteer and student are undertaking a preliminary sort, prior to sampling, of the tens of thousands of fan mail letters Glenn received following his historic flight aboard the Friendship 7 spacecraft in 1962.

Just recently, the collection grew with the acquisition of an additional 110 cubic feet of records and audiovisual materials previously stored in Senator Glenn's home. The bulk of these items date prior to Glenn's Senate years (1974-1999) and include records pertaining to his unsuccessful senate campaigns in 1964 and 1970, his other political activities during this time period, and his corporate, military, and NASA careers.

The University's John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy moved to an expanded location on campus in Stillman Hall last fall. The new location features a variety

of artifacts and photographs from the archives highlighting Senator Glenn's public service accomplishments.

Jeff Thomas

Mark Sanford (R-SC) was elected to Congress as part of the historic class of 1994. Honoring his commitment to be a citizen-legislator and serve no more than three terms, the popular Sanford retired from Congress at the expiration on his term in January 2001. Sanford [b. 1960] has a lifelong interest in history and in 1999 pledged his papers to Modern Political Collections, the South Caroliniana Library, **The University of South Carolina**. The Sanford Papers Project has been a model project to date.

Library staff met with Sanford and key members of his staff throughout 1999 and 2000 discussing the records the Library wanted for the collection. Sanford's staff was provided with the brochure *Closing A Congressional Office: A Guide To The Disposition of Official Papers and Records*, prepared by Cynthia Miller, to help guide them in determining what records held historic value and what could be discarded. In addition to his congressional papers, Sanford donated campaign records and other personal papers, including fascinating correspondence from 1993 to 1994 documenting the decision-making process behind his long shot bid for the House. More than 106 linear feet of material has been received to date, almost all of it in excellent order. Sanford also is contributing to the Modern Political Collections Endowment, helping to underwrite the work on his collection. Sanford is frequently mentioned as a possible 2002 gubernatorial candidate. Whatever his plans, the Library is excited about documenting Sanford's future activities and career.

Modern Political Collections also received a significant addition to the papers of former South Carolina governor Richard W. Riley, as he closed out his eight-year tenure as U.S. Secretary of Education.

At the 1999 annual meeting of the CPR, Herb Hartsook spoke about fundraising. Modern Political Collections is benefiting greatly from contributions by donors of papers and friends of the program. Since 1996, four endowed accounts have been established to support the program. These accounts currently total \$363,700. Pledges have been received of an additional \$309,000. During fiscal year 2000-2001, the endowments are funding three graduate assistantships with Modern Political Collections. Hartsook's presentation has been revised and will be published in an upcoming issue of *Archival Issues*, the journal of the Midwest Archives Conference.

Herb Hartsook

Former Representative Owen Pickett, who represented the Second Congressional District of Virginia, including Virginia Beach and part of Norfolk, has donated his political papers to **The Library of Virginia**. Pickett, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1986, retired at the end of the last term of Congress. A native of Hanover County, he graduated from Virginia Tech and the University of Richmond School of Law, and also served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1972 to 1986. His papers include material from his service in the Virginia state legislature and as chair-

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MINUTES, 2000 ANNUAL MEETING DENVER, 31 AUGUST 2000

Pamela Hackbart-Dean started the meeting with the introduction of the current CPR steering committee members, as well as outgoing members. She also introduced the new editors of the newsletter, Elizabeth Scott (South Dakota State University) who was not able to attend the meeting, and Alan Haerberle (Office of Senator Connie Mack) who took the minutes.

Candidates for election were introduced and ballots were handed out. Running for vice chair/chair-elect were Todd J. Kosmerick (University of Oklahoma) and Glenda B. Stevens (Texas Christian University). Candidates for steering committee included Raimund E. Goerler (Ohio State University), L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin (University of Delaware), Ben Rogers (Baylor University), and Jill Severn (University of Georgia).

Special thanks and certificates of appreciation were presented to two people: Todd Kosmerick, for his work on the newsletter (of which Todd is the outgoing editor), and to Rebecca Johnson Melvin for taking care of the Roundtable Website. Pam emphasized that "we do love and appreciate you."

Pam introduced Ken Kato, who recently started work in the Legislative Resource Center of the House of Representatives. Ken had previously worked in the Center for Legislative Archives in NARA. He briefly discussed future plans for the center, and the fact that he was in the process of interviewing for an archival assistant.

Cheryl Vogt (University of Georgia), program committee representative, discussed program ideas for the 2001 SAA Annual Meeting, which will take place in Washington, DC. The theme will be A Global Archival Odyssey, exploring global significance of impact of technology on archives. Cheryl urged Roundtable members to submit proposals to the program committee, with a deadline Oct. 6, 2000.

Cynthia Pease Miller (Office of Senator Moynihan), also of the program committee, said they had at least one proposal in hand. With the annual meeting in DC, this will be a good time for members to make contacts and to expand horizons. Cynthia discussed the Third Report of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, which is due out in December, and which contains a section that specifically focuses on members papers. A proposal has been made that before the next Annual meeting in DC, there be an extra half-day meeting to talk about the Report, to be sponsored by the steering committee. This meeting could bring the Report to attention of members, and could be publicized to other interested sections, e.g., Manuscripts. Karen Paul (Senate Historical Office) has agreed to be coordinator.

Results of the elections were announced, with Todd Kosmerick becoming the new vice chair, and Rebecca Johnson Melvin and Jill Severn joining the steering committee.

Naomi Nelson gave a brief update on a project at Emory University to mount Senator Sam Nunn's constituent correspondence data base on the Web. Emory's Electronic Data Center will host the data and help to configure it for access by scholars. The name and street address fields will be removed before the data is made publicly available so that constituents will not be individually identifiable. This is a test bed project

to see if researchers or students are interested in having access to this kind of data. The website for this project will be published in the CPR newsletter when it is ready for public viewing.

The mailing list was circulated for updates and members made announcements. Todd Kosmerick mentioned he had some congressional pictorial directories available. Burt Altman (Florida State University) announced that FSU is starting a digital project with the Claude Pepper papers, and they hope to get funding from the Claude Pepper Foundation. It was also announced that Gretchen Lake's husband had passed away, and that she has resigned from the University of Alaska.

Jill Severn then served as moderator for the program and introduced the speakers.

The first presentation was by Naomi Nelson, Southern History Archivist at Emory University, who spoke on *Fade to Black: A Model for Appraising Audio-Visual Recordings in Congressional Collections*. She said she would be discussing videotape mostly but many of her observations apply to audio recordings as well.

A/V materials come in a variety of formats, present many levels of recording quality and involve a number of other challenges. They are hard to maintain, and not often used. But the amount of usage may be increasing. There is a trend towards the use of A/V becoming more popular, with a growth in production of documentaries (influence of Ken Burns; more media outlets, cable, etc.), development of applications like video streaming on the WWW, and other factors.

There are many problem involved in preservation of video. Tapes need to be copied for backup, but keeping Master and Use copies as well as a backup can triple the volume of the collection. Appraisal of tapes is critical, and it is suggested that CPR can put together information to help offices decide what to keep.

Naomi did a small survey on videotapes. With only eleven responses, the results are not definitive but can give some idea of the A/V situation. The percent of tapes in most collection was reported to be less than two (2) percent. Frequency of use was fewer than ten (10) times per year. The way tapes have been used include stories for television, profiles or tributes about the member, teaching in a classroom or other educational setting, documentaries on a topic other than member, and to fulfill a request by the donor. About half the tapes in collections have received at least some indexing.

Considerations on how to appraise tapes should include the following: whether the tape documents the member or a significant aspect of the members career; is the tape the record copy of some event; are there copyright issues, e.g., does the member or the collection have rights to use or reproduce the material; what is the quality of the recording; what storage conditions have the materials been in; is the tape in a useful format, or will the repository need to convert to something else; how are the materials organized, labeled, described or indexed; and what is the potential for likely use.

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The type of program categories that may be found in video collections include tapes of campaign activities, (for members, these are considered the number 1 category in terms of value and interest; for other users of the collection, they are somewhat less important); tapes from C-SPAN documenting floor activity; documentaries on topics where the member is not the primary focus; events attended by the member where the tape was not produced by members office; family activities; oral history; interviews; news from local TV stations (tapes may not be kept by the creating station); news from major networks, public TV, or cable stations; profiles of the member; programs or raw tape made by a Federal agency; programs created by the members office; programs recorded for research or reference; and promotional tapes and public service announcements (PSAs).

A proposed brochure for member offices could include information on how to store and index tapes, with recommendations on appraisal; and video handling guidelines, to help insure the longest useful life and preservation of these materials.

The next presentation was by Carla Summers, Chief Manuscripts Librarian, Special Collections at the University of Florida, and Alan Haeberle, archivist for Senator Connie Mack. Carla passed out copies of a paper titled *Objects in Archives: What Memorabilia Do We Really Want from the Offices of Members of Congress?* In this she discussed her efforts to understand how best to appraise the many forms of objects that may accompany a congressional collection, from the perspective of a repository that does not function as a museum, and has no plans to develop large-scale exhibits. With reference to models drawn from the disciplines of archeology and museum studies, Carla focused on seeing certain objects as a form of document that can provide evidence about the functions and activities of a member of Congress. However, Carla did not read the paper, but after a quick summary, introduced Alan Haeberle and turned the program over to him.

Alan spoke his practical experience of dealing with objects he has found while helping to pack up a Congressional office that is closing this year, and how he has tried to organize and describe what he has found. He has worked in the office of Senator Connie Mack (R-FL) since the beginning of the year. He and Carla, who will be in charge of the Connie Mack papers once they are transferred to the University of Florida, decided to create a complete inventory of all plaques, trophies, awards, and other material objects in the Washington and state offices. They designed a survey form and recorded plaques, certificates, trophies, framed photographs, and other objects found on walls, shelves, cabinets and desktops around the office. Alan also spent time surveying items in the attic storage space, and sent copies of the survey forms, with instructions, for the state offices to fill out. (Five out of six offices reported having memorabilia.)

Alan set up a database using Filemaker Pro software, on which he recorded each item found, and he provided handouts with sample printouts showing how the database was arranged and what data fields it contained. As of the time of this meeting, the database contained records of over 1000 items. In the handouts, Alan included a list of the descriptive terms he used to categorize the items, and the list contained

over 100 separate terms. The category most frequently used was photographs, with over 360 items in the database under this term. (This included individually framed photos as well as multiple photos in envelopes, photo albums, photos mounted on plaques along with other items such as certificates, etc.) After photographs, the most frequently found items were plaques (165 items), certificates (80), awards, including trophies, etc. (73), prints (59), posters (46), clippings (16), letters (16), paperweights (13), medals and medallions (12). There also were many campaign items such as pins, buttons and ribbons, but they largely had been found in a group and were described as such. Some items listed would not normally be considered memorabilia, notably photographs, and letters and clippings. However, they were included here because they were found in boxes or folders labeled Memorabilia, or because they were framed or had some special significance.

There were a large number of items of sports memorabilia, particularly relating to baseball. This was in part due to the Senators involvement with efforts to locate professional sports franchises in Florida. But sports loomed large in the collection also, and perhaps primarily, because the Senator is the grandson of the famous Philadelphia baseball manager whose name he shares. These are examples of the kind of personal details that may influence appraisal decisions.

Many types of artifacts were found including awards in the shape of apples, eagles, elephants, bulldogs, globes, plates, bowls, harps, cups, clocks, coins; desk paraphernalia including pens, pencils, pencil cups, paperweights, notepads, letter openers, scissors; and miscellaneous items such as maps, flags, license plates, scarves, hats, walking sticks, matchbooks, an axe, and a pack of cigarettes. Many of the appraisal decisions will be made by the fact that the Senator will chose certain items for himself or his family (probably including all the baseball memorabilia). And some forms of memorabilia, especially photographs, will be retained without exception. But clearly there will be many items left as the raw material on which Carla will be able to test her appraisal theories.

Finally, there was a presentation by Brian Culp from the Robert Dole Library at the University of Kansas. He put two panels on display which showed an artist's rendering of the exterior, and a floor plan of the building which will be constructed to house the collection. Dole gave his papers to the University of Kansas in 1997. In addition to the archives, the library will house the Dole Institute of Politics. Although there is no building yet, a few programs have been held on such topics as the question of granting Permanent Normal Trading Relations (PNTR) to China; and Social Security. The architectural style of the building is described as a mix of Kansas vernacular and Washington monumental. The library itself is designed as the keystone of an arch within the context of the surrounding landscape. In planning the building, the architect followed the design guidelines for Presidential Libraries. Brian described various design elements and features of the library such as the reading room, circulation desk, and archival processing and storage areas. Following this presentation, the Congressional Papers Roundtable meeting was adjourned.

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man of the State Democratic Party from 1980 to 1982. The majority of the collection, however, relates to his career in the U.S. House of Representatives, and includes legislative files, press files, requests, invitations, subject files, news releases, and other material. Upon its arrival at the Library, the collection will be closed for processing by Private Papers staff.

Jim Greve

Manuscripts, Special Collections, University Archives of the **University of Washington** Libraries has been receiving the papers of former Senator Slade Gorton. Over 221 cubic feet have been accessioned from the Senator's legislative aides and from his state offices. They primarily document many natural resource issues, including salmon recovery and the Hanford nuclear reservation, although such national issues as prescription drugs and international trade are represented. Expected from storage in Suitland are 496 cubic feet of correspondence and related series. These files join 529 cubic feet of senatorial papers from Gorton's first term in the Senate, 1981-87.

After serving in the Washington State Legislature, 1958-1968, and as State Attorney General, 1968-1980, Gorton defeated Sen. Warren G. Magnuson in 1980. He in turn lost to Brock Adams in 1986 but defeated former Congressman and Governor Mike Lowry in 1988 and returned to the Senate. Sen. Gorton's papers are currently closed under terms of a deed executed in 1990.

Narrative sections of the finding aid to the Henry M. Jackson Papers are now online at www.lib.washington.edu/specialcoll/manuscripts/finding_aids/jackson/. Freelance archivist Midori Okazaki revised the existing finding aids for web presentation with support of the Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Seattle. As the papers of the late Sen. Jackson are the largest (ca. 1235 cu. ft.) personal papers accession in the Libraries' collection and are the subject of frequent inquiries, the narrative is expected to expedite reference service. Microfiche copies of nearly the entire finding aid have been available for purchase since 1987.

Karyl Winn

The Center for Pacific Northwest Studies at **Western Washington University** has accessioned the Jack Metcalf papers. Representative Metcalf represented the 2nd Congressional District in Washington State.

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to participate.

SAA annual meetings in Washington have traditionally drawn a large attendance. I look forward to seeing a goodly number of you in August.

With Senator Moynihan's retirement, the best way to reach me for now is at home:

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INTERNET RESOURCES OF INTEREST

The **First Federal Congress Project (FFCP)** operates as a research center on the most important and productive Congress in U.S. history. Located at The George Washington University and funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the project's main function is to publish the *Documentary History of the First Federal Congress, 1789-1791*.

In 1999 the FFCP created a project website, which includes an online exhibit, and in 2000 a teacher's guide to using the exhibit as a teaching tool was added to the site (<http://www.gwu.edu/~ffcp>). The exhibit covers fourteen topics. Together they cover all of the major issues confronted by this seminal Congress, which fleshed out the Constitution, provided stability for the new government, and dealt with extremely difficult issues, such as the location of the federal capital and the assumption of the states' Revolutionary War debts that threatened to split the fragile Union. Around a dozen documents, portraits, maps, or other items from the documentary record, illustrate each topic. The topics are introduced by quotes from the Constitution and introductory paragraphs. Each illustration also has a caption that provides a short description and context.

This website was developed with the financial support of The MARPAT Foundation and its creators invite to use it and give us your comments.

The Genesis of the Republican Party is an online exhibit from the Library Company of Philadelphia. Curated by Phillip Lapsansky, the exhibit provides a concise introduction to the history of the Republican Party along with many descriptive illustrations. It is available at

<http://www.librarycompany.org/Republican/exhibition/ExhibitionIntrodefault.htm>

EXON PAPERS ONLINE

In December, the Lincoln (NE) Journal Star reported that more than 50,000 official papers and documents of Sen. John Exon are available online at www.exonlibrary.com. The online data includes speeches, copies of legislation, Exon's voting record, a slide-show presentation of his years in public service and correspondence. The story is available at http://www.journalstar.com/nebraska?story_id=1772&past=.

Missing from the story is mention of the papers not available online. According to Paul J. Eisloffel, curator at the Nebraska Historical Society, the Society received approximately 23 cu. ft. of records, along with 9 cu. ft. of moving image materials. For the most part, these are the originals of the papers in the online exhibit, however, as most people who work with Congressional papers are aware, 32 cu. ft. is a very small volume of material to document an 18 year career. The vast majority of papers representing Exon's time in Congress are unavailable and presumably have been destroyed.

This topic was discussed in a number of posts on the Archives & Archivists Listserv during December 2000. Those interested in learning more can search the Listserv's archives [<http://listserv.muohio.edu/SCRIPTS/WA.EXE?S1=archives>] using Exon as a main search term.

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