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ROUNDTABLE ANNUAL MEETING, SEATTLE, SEPTEMBER 1, 1990

The Archival History Roundtable will hold its annual meeting in Seattle at the Society of American Archivists on Saturday, September 1, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

As we all are aware, the SAA annual meeting schedule is crammed with sessions, workshops, poster sessions, tours and generally a great number of get-togethers. However, the Archival History Roundtable welcomes the attendance of any and all to its meeting.

Agenda for the Roundtable Meeting

1. Report by Jim Corsaro, chair. Discussion of the 3-year reporting form.
2. New business.

Council Committee on Sections and Roundtables Report about changes in guidelines for sections and roundtables.

3. Reports and news of interest to archival history.

Report on Library/Archives Task Force activities by Bob Martin.

If you have any archival history topic you are welcome to present it to the attendees. If you want it listed on the agenda, please send a note to Jim Corsaro at the address below or by RLIN e-mail (address is bm.n2a) or phone (518) 474-5963.

4. SAA meeting in Philadelphia; Suggestions for sessions. Anyone interested in presenting papers on topics such as archival editing projects of the 19th century; history of growth of special collections; archival development in the states. Other ideas for topics or speakers?

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5. Presentation by Greg Bradsher on Archives and Archivists at Ebla in 2500 B.C.. In addition, to what will be an informative discussion of the theory and practice of ancient archives, Greg has promised to clarify questions concerning whether clay tablets were really acid-free and if MARC Antony knew how to search the AMC database.

SAA IN SEATTLE

The Seattle meeting has meetings of potential interest to Roundtable members. For instance:

- a. Library/Archives Task Force meeting August 30, 4-6 p.m.
- b. The Shoemakers Children: Documenting Ourselves. A session on the documentation of the history of SAA by J. Frank Cook and William M. Moss, chaired by Ann Morgan Campbell.

RECENT ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

The January 1989 issue of Pennsylvania History (v. 56, no. 1) has an article entitled "Ebenezer Hazard and the Promotion of Historical Scholarship in the Early Republic," by George Pilcher which reviews Hazard's collecting and publishing activities.

The Winter 1990 issue of Libraries and Culture (v. 25, no. 1) is devoted to the subject of "Library History in the International Context," with articles, generally bibliographical reviews, of the topic by various authors. Wayne Wiegand, an author familiar to library history students, is the author of the essay "Library History Research in the United States."

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission statement of the Roundtable published in the Spring newsletter received no comment and so will be sent as is to the SAA Newsletter as per the request of the SAA Council Committee on Task Forces and Roundtables.

NEWS WANTED:

Anyone with news of publications, projects, suggestions and so forth about Archival History is welcome to send them to the chair for due note in the Winter 1991 newsletter.

Lastly, the following cartoon, taken from the papers of one New York's most noted 19th century antiquarians, Franklin B. Hough, indicates that contrary to previous notions the Civil War was not fought to save the Union or to emancipate the slaves, but to save the Government's Archives!

MARCH TO THE RESCUE.



☛ The Country in Danger! The Capitol is threatened! American Freemen are opposed in their march to save the Archives of the Government!

Preserve your Government, and preserve your Liberty! An Infantry Company of 80 men is forming at Lowville, under Capt. H. R. LAHE, to march immediately to Washington, or such other point as the Commander in Chief may order. Men desiring to enlist are called upon to embrace this opportunity. Capt. Lahe, is experienced in Military matters, and will make a good, efficient and competent Commander. ☛ Head quarters at Ruscoe's Hotel. Enlisting Roll open from 7 to 9 o'clock, P. M.

Dated April 22d, 1861.

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