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Update: *The American Archivist* Online “Hidden Content” Project

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Project Status	
Total # of issues to review for hidden content (Vols. 1 through 77)	274
Issues reviewed to date (1938-1965)	110 (40%)
Remaining issues to be reviewed	164 (60%)
Average review time per issue to date	40 mins.
Total time spent to date	9 days

Content Highlights

Annual reports on SAA business

- Council minutes
- Business meeting minutes
- Annual report of the secretary
- Committee reports or summaries
- Annual meeting summaries (~ 1960s)
- Annual budgets & financial statements

Annual bibliographies

Abstracts of archive publications, W. Europe, E. Europe - annotated

News Notes

- SAA
 - Federal agencies, e.g. NARS, LoC, Navy Dept. Records Office & War Dept. Records Branch (esp. 1940s), U.S. Civil Service Commission
 - Other professional organizations, e.g. AHA, ALA, UNESCO, ACLS, SSRC, UN Archives
 - Individual states: typically brief; topics include staff changes, accessions, death notices; very occasionally longer (e.g., brief history of public records in Ct. (1:3 July 1938))
 - Other archives (college & university, special collections, church, business)
 - “Training Programs in Records and Archives Administration” later “Training of Archivists”
 - “Foreign” / “International” News
- Short notes from many countries, typically Western European but also Latin America, South America, Canada, Australia, India, Middle East and others

Other sections

- Archivist's Bookshelf (introduced in 9:3 July 1946) – recommended readings
- From the Microphotographer's Mail (11:3 July 1948) - series
- "Technical Developments" initially brief, later a separately-edited regular section "Technical Notes" (19:2 April 1956), sometimes 5+ pages
- Editor's Forum (introduced in 23:2 April 1960)
- "Have You Seen?" recommended publications (Vols. 9 through 13 only?)
- excerpts and quotations – brief pieces introduced in 23:2 April 1960

Authored articles – roughly a dozen+ to date; typically appx. 1-4 pages, e.g.:

- Stack and Shelf Arrangement of the Archives Division, Virginia State Library (van Schreeven)
- Sea Water and Ink (Shelley)
- Cartographic Record Filing in the National Archives (Winkler)
- The Episode of the Misplaced Commission Records, 1872 (Mugridge)
- A Note on Record Containers (Gondos)
- General Legislation for Presidential Libraries (Hawthorn Buck)
- Archival File Folders (Barrow)

Public policy / external advocacy material? (*Spreadsheet highlights contents of possible interest*)

Material in this category is not extensive so far, e.g.:

- Proposed Uniform State Public Records Act (3:2 April 1940) – this article is already tagged. It mentions SAA's role, as do the Council minutes in that issue and the Presidential Address
- "Archivists Participate in Paper Salvage Program" – appeal to archivists to join waste salvage campaign (8:2 April 1945)
- Resolution on the Non-Political Character of the Position of the Archivist of the United States Adopted by the Council of the Society of American Archivists March 21, 1953 AND Resolution on the Preservation and Maintenance of the Treasures of the Austrian Public Records Office Adopted by the Council of the Society of American Archivists April 21, 1953 (16:3 July 1953)
- Endorsement of policy statement re: cultural papers of the Western Hemisphere, as adopted by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (25:2 April 1962)
- List of Cuban refugees to the U.S. (1962) who were archivists - request that SAA members inform SAA if they interview or hire any of the refugees for suitable open positions (26:2 April 1962)