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NEWSLETTER of the MIDWEST ARCHIVES CONFERENCE

MAC TO MEET IN MADISON

For the first time in its brief history the Midwest Archives Conference will be meeting outside of Chicago. This Fall's meeting, set for September 7 and 8, will be held in Madison, Wis. under the co-sponsorship of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin Division of Archives.

In addition to touring the fine facilities of the Historical Society and the UW Archives, MAC members will have an opportunity to participate in a program that the Program Committee considers perhaps the best one to date.

The Fall Meeting will begin on Friday, September 7 with a registration period (8:00 AM - 1:00 PM) at the Wisconsin Center, 702 Langdon Street. Concurrently with the registration period an open house and tour of the University of Wisconsin Archives will be held. The Archives is in Room 443F of the UW Memorial Library, located directly across the street from the Wisconsin Center.

At 1:30 PM, the meeting will get into full swing with an opening address by John P. Butler, Editor of the Project to Index the Papers of the Continental Congress. The title of his address will be "Application of Automation Techniques to Manuscripts and Archives." Following Butler's address, concurrent sessions will be held: Robert Swift of the Bell and Howell Company, Jack LaHart of the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State, and Anthony Schuller of the M & S Microfilm Service, Inc. will participate in a panel on "Microform Equipment and Techniques." At the same time a tour of the Wisconsin State Records Center will take place conducted by Robert Johnson and Diane Olson of the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

The remainder of Friday will be spent "socializing". A reception for candidates (cash bar) will be held in the Alumni Lounge from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, following by dinner in the Wisconsin Center Dining Room. At 9:00 films from the State Historical Society's manificent film collection will be shown in the Historical Society's auditorium.

On Saturday September 8 commencing at 9:30 AM a series of five 40 minute workshops will be held at the State Historical Society. MAC members will have an option of attending two of these workshops which will cover a multitude of topics including Cartographic collections; county and local records; accessioning, arrangement, and description of private records and papers; photographs and visual ephemera; sound recordings; motion picture films; and pamphlets. SHSW staff members participating in these workshops include Elizabeth Maule, John Fleckner, Eleanor McKay, George Talbot, Steve Masar, Susan Davis and Charles Shetler.

Both the types of workshops and the staff members conducting them were selected especially to reflect the unique areas of interest, approaches, and strengths of the State Historical Society. We hope to continue this practice whenever MAC meets at an "outlying" institution.

At 11:15 AM the MAC Fall Business Meeting and election will commence at the Wisconsin Center. The final event of the Conference will be a picnic on one of Madison's beautiful lakes. Buses will leave for the picnic at 12:50 PM and will return to Lowell Hall by 4:30. Arrangements have been made for MAC members to make a free tour of the Circus World Museum in Baraboo. We hope to see you all in Madison in September.