

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS

The single professional organization which concerns itself with all aspects of Archives and Records Management is The Society of American Archivists. Our staff is encouraged, therefore, to participate as much as possible in its work. The Archivist has been a member of this Society for twenty years and he has taken an active interest in it. He was especially pleased, therefore, to have been selected as one of the first Fellows of The Society of American Archivists at the annual meeting of 1958. He also served as a member of the Committee on Professional Standards and Training and the Committee on Federal-State Relations. The Assistant Archivist continued as Chairman of the Committee on Preservation Methods and as a member of the State Records Committee.

The lack of sufficient funds in our budget prevented any of us from attending the annual meeting of the Society held at Salt Lake City, but the joint meeting with the American Historical Association held in Washington, December 28, 1958, found the following staff members present: the Archivist, Mr. Skordas, Mr. Beach, Mr. Weatherly and Mr. White.

The Archivist was asked to represent the Committee on Federal-State Relations at a meeting in Washington called by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization in order to prepare plans for the use and maintenance of governmental records in the event of national disaster. Mr. Beach accompanied the Archivist.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Hall of Records was happy to participate in the annual meeting of the American Society of Genealogists which was held in Annapolis, October 10-12, 1958. In the preliminary planning, the Archivist was glad to assist the local arrangements committee, consisting of Jean Stephenson, Milton Rubincam, and Herbert F. Seversmith. And a cordial invitation to meet here was sent by Governor McKeldin to Arthur Adams, Society President. This group came to the Hall of Records on the second day of their meeting. They were welcomed by the Archivist and then escorted through the building. Later in the morning an opportunity was provided for individual research. The