

# Teaching With Historical Records: Three Approaches

The following brief articles discuss a variety of ways teachers and persons responsible for designing exhibits can effectively utilize primary sources. Ideally, librarians and archivists who read the articles will bring the ideas to the attention of their colleagues in the classroom.

## Selected Bibliography

### Techniques

Brett, Sally. "The Editor and the Writer: An Approach to Archival Manuscripts." In *Teaching Women's Literature from a Regional Perspective*, edited by Leonore Hoffman and Deborah Rosenfelt. New York: Modern Language Association Press, 1982.

Discusses Dr. Brett's and similar assignments in detail.

Casterline, Gail Farr. *Archives & Manuscripts: Exhibits*. SAA Basic Manual Series. Chicago: Society of American Archivists, 1980.

Discusses philosophical issues, planning and development, conservation, design and technique, program coordination, and administrative considerations. Has appendices on where to get help and purchase supplies. Bibliography.

Leary, Helen F. M., and Maurice R. Stirewalt, eds. *North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History*. Raleigh: North Carolina Genealogical Society, 1980.

An invaluable guide to research strategies and the value of various types of historical records produced by local, state, and federal governments and by organizations and individuals.

Metcalf, Fay D., and Matthew T. Downey. *Using Local History in the Classroom*. Nashville: American Association for State and Local History, 1982.

Discusses a broad range of issues but includes suggestions for using primary sources in different types of social studies courses and a section of "Sources and Resources for Local History." Bibliography.

Roe, Kathleen. *Teaching with Historical Records*. Albany: New York State Education Department, 1981.

Discusses educational objectives, locating and using historical records, and sample uses of different types of records, including personal papers, business records, local government records, maps, photographs, broadsides, and census records. Suggestions for further reading.

Shapiro, Victor W. "The Castleman Letter: A Classroom Exercise in Critical Thinking." *Social Education* 45 (January 1981): 40-44.

One of many related articles that regularly appear in this journal.

### Guides to Records

Blosser, Susan Sokol, and Clyde Norman Wilson, Jr. *The Southern Historical Collection: A Guide to Manuscripts*. Chapel Hill: The Collection, 1970.

Everard H. Smith III edited a supplementary guide, 1970-1975, which was published in 1976. The Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina consists of over seven million items pertaining to the southern states.

Cain, Barbara T., comp. and ed. *Guide to Private Manuscript Collections in the North Carolina State Archives*. 3d rev. ed. Raleigh: North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, 1981.

The State Archives preserves, in addition to public records, the papers of many individuals and private organizations.

Davis, Richard D., et al., eds. *Guide to the Cataloged Collections in the Manuscript Department of the William R. Perkins Library, Duke University*. Santa Barbara: Clio Books, 1980.

This repository preserves extensive papers pertaining to the fields of North Carolina and southern history, socialism, and the British Empire and Commonwealth.

*Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives, Section B: County Records*. 5th rev. ed. Raleigh: North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, 1977.

Lists types and quantity of records available in original and microfilm formats for each county.

J. Y. Joyner Library. East Carolina Manuscript Collection. *Bulletin*. 8 nos. to date. Greenville: The Collection, 1969-.

An ongoing series that comprises a guide to this repository's holdings, which pertain to North Carolina, military history, missionary activities throughout the world, and tobacco.

Library of Congress. *The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*.

A series published regularly since 1959, NUCMC includes brief descriptions of manuscript collections held and reported by repositories throughout the country.