

MANUSCRIPTS ACQUISITIONS

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Consumers' Research, Inc., formerly of Washington, New Jersey, has donated its extensive archives to the Library. The organization's records, which date from 1930 to 1980, fill 1010 storage cartons and include administrative files, product testing records, subject files, copies of letters sent, publications, newspaper clippings, and files documenting the effects of World War II on the American consumer. Founded in New York in 1927, Consumers' Research moved several years later to rural Warren County, New Jersey, where it established a products testing center. Product evaluations obtained from tests were published in the magazine *Consumers' Research* (now *Consumers' Magazine*) and in annual buying guides. A noteworthy event, well documented in the records, is the 1935 strike which led to the formation of the rival organization, Consumers' Union. Complementary collections, already held by the Library, include the papers of consumer advocate Sidney Margolius '34 and the non-current records of the Consumers' League of New Jersey.

Three cartons of the papers of Robert Ardrey are the gift of his widow, Mrs. Bernadine Ardrey, and of his son, Daniel Ardrey. In addition to being a playwright and screenwriter, Ardrey was perhaps best known for his inquiries into the animal origins of human behavior which he explored in a series of four books, beginning with *African Genesis* (1961). Other titles in the series included *The Territorial Imperative* (1966), *The Social Contract* (1970), and *The Hunting Hypothesis* (1976). Ardrey's papers include correspondence, 1958-1980, including letters to and from scientists involved in the discovery of fossil hominids and stone tools in Africa; address books; financial records, 1961-1979, including royalty statements; travel records, 1977-1978, relating to a lecture tour of the United States; and literary productions, 1955-1979, including typescripts, newspaper clippings, lecture notes, outlines, and book reviews relating to Ardrey's anthropological investigations.

James Chapin of Jackson Heights, New York, has donated the records of World Hunger Year, Inc. Founded in 1975 by William

Ayres and the late entertainer Harry Chapin, World Hunger Year works to educate the public about the causes of world hunger. In addition, the organization seeks to affect policy formation in all areas "that determine food production, financing and distribution which result in or affect malnutrition . . . throughout the world." The records received date from 1975 to 1983 and fill 40 storage cartons. Included are minutes, correspondence, financial documents, project files, and records of the magazine *Food Monitor*.

The Library's holdings of twentieth-century New Jersey politicians' papers have been enhanced by the addition of the Congressional papers of Nicholas F. Brady and Edwin B. Forsythe. Brady, an investment banker, served as a U.S. Senator from New Jersey for ten months during 1982-1983, following his appointment by Governor Thomas Kean. Senator Brady's gift comprises 30 cartons of office files, including speeches and statements, press releases, copies of letters sent, constituent correspondence, newspaper clippings, co-signed correspondence, legislative research files, special projects files, and records of the Senator's Newark office. Edwin B. Forsythe served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1970 until his death in 1984. A prime sponsor of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, Forsythe represented New Jersey's Thirteenth Congressional District, which stretches across the state from Monmouth to Camden Counties. Forsythe's Congressional papers, the gift of his estate through executrix Susan F. Dyson, consist of legislative correspondence, press releases, district projects files, general correspondence, constituent newsletters, newspaper clippings, and files relating to Forsythe's service on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

New Jersey jurists are the focus of two recent gifts. Mrs. Beatrice Goldmann of Trenton has donated the papers of her late husband, Sidney Goldmann (1903-1983), who served as a judge of New Jersey's Superior Court from 1951 until 1971. Judge Goldmann's papers date from 1929 to 1983 and fill 40 storage cartons. In addition to his judicial opinions, the papers include files documenting Goldmann's religious and civic activities in Trenton. Also documented is his career in state government during the 1940's when Goldmann served successively as Executive Clerk to Governor Edison, as state librarian, and as New Jersey's first state archivist. Mrs. George S. Thomson has presented the papers of her father, New Jersey Su-

preme Court Justice Clarence E. Case '00. Justice Case, a state senator from Somerset County between 1918 and 1929, served on the New Jersey Supreme Court from 1929 to 1952, including two years as Chief Justice, 1946-1948. His papers, which fill 15 storage cartons, consist chiefly of letters received, 1900-1902, 1913-1920, 1942-1961; letterbooks, 1907-1917, 1947-1961; speeches; and photographs.

Efforts to secure a VHF television station within New Jersey's borders are documented in the records of the Coalition for Fair Broadcasting, donated through Executive Director Marsha Stern. The records fill 25 storage cartons and include newspaper clippings, 1976-1982; videotapes of news broadcasts, 1973-1978; videotapes of open meetings of the Federal Communications Commission, 1979-1982; general office files, 1976-1982; and monitoring studies, 1973-1980, relating to Philadelphia and New York television stations and their coverage of New Jersey news events.

The papers of Robert B. Immordino and the records of Local 56 of the United Food and Commercial Workers International focus on labor activities in New Jersey. Immordino was an officer of several unions in and near Trenton, New Jersey, and an author of articles on labor-related topics. His donation of personal papers includes subject files, notes, publications, and printed ephemera, in addition to minutes of Local 455 of the International Union of Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers. The records of Local 56, Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, are the gift of the local through Leo Canoglia. The records, which date from 1940 to 1980, fill approximately 150 storage cartons and include the office files of Leon B. Schacter, President, Joseph C. Nettleton, Vice President, and Nathan J. Rutenberg, Secretary-Treasurer. Also included are records of the executive board, the health and welfare department, several pension programs, and documents relating to annual membership meetings.

Additions to several manuscript collections have been received. The Archibald S. Alexander Papers have been augmented through the gift, received from Mrs. Susan Powers, of scrapbooks, certificates, and photographs pertaining to Alexander's 1952 campaign for the U.S. Senate and to his service as Assistant Secretary and Under Secretary of the Army, 1949-1952. The papers of Senator Clifford P. Case '25 have been supplemented by his political files for 1942

and 1943, a gift of Whitney North Seymour, Jr. William C. Coles has presented additional correspondence, 1835-1853, of New Jersey Congressman George Sykes. Other collections which have received additions include the records of the World Policy Institute (formerly the Institute for World Order), the records of the New Jersey Science Teachers' Association, and the papers of Earl S. Miers.

The Library has been fortunate to acquire a number of manuscript collections relating to Cumberland County, New Jersey. The acquisition (Blauvelt-Demarest Fund) of 24 daybooks and ledgers of Bridgeton physician William Elmer (1814-1889) adds significantly to a body of his papers already in the Library. Also acquired (Famulener Fund) was a book of legal precedents, 1784-1809, compiled by James Giles, one of Cumberland County's first lawyers. Other law-related documents acquired (Frelinghuysen and Blauvelt-Demarest Funds) are two dockets kept by Jeremiah Bennett, sheriff of Cumberland County from 1799 to 1802. Business records added (Frelinghuysen Fund) include a ledger, 1855, of the Bridgeton and Philadelphia Steamboat Company for the steamer *Juniata*; ledgers, 1832-1838, of a Bridgeton general store kept by William Riley and Samuel Harris; ledgers and daybooks, 1853-1914, of Greenwich blacksmith Josiah McWilliams; stockholders' and directors' minutes, 1902-1928, of the Ferracute Machine Company of Bridgeton; and ledgers, 1834-1871, of a Bridgeton livery stable maintained by Ephriam E. Sheppard, father of Cumberland County historian Charles E. Sheppard.

Other gifts and acquisitions of New Jersey interest have been received. The Mercer County Woman's Christian Temperance Union has presented its records, 1892-1940, through Promotion Secretary Eleanor Ofeldt. Estate papers of New Jersey Congressman Thomas Newbold (1760-1823) also have been acquired (Frelinghuysen Fund); these papers supplement Newbold family account books already held by the Library. Historic Preservation activities in central New Jersey are documented in a gift of papers from Plainfield architect Charles H. Detwiller, Jr. Of Civil War interest is the gift, from Mrs. Herbert J. Scholz, of an addition to the Enoch Brooks Papers of 106 items, including 88 letters which Brooks wrote while serving with the Third New Jersey Cavalry in Virginia. An addition (Frelinghuysen Fund) to the Library's holdings of New Jersey diaries is that kept by John H. Statesir, class of

1858, which records his observations while a student attending Rutgers College. Other Middlesex County items acquired include minutes, 1894-1901, of the Sayreville Township Board of Education (gift of Paul A. Schack) and minutes, 1846-1953, of the New Brunswick Mutual Fire Insurance Company (received through John Frisch).