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# Summary of Executive Order 13007 May 24, 1996 - Indian Sacred Sites

Executive Order (EO) 13007 requires Federal land managing agencies to accommodate access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners. "Sacred Site" is defined as being any specific, discrete, narrowly delineated location on Federal land identified by an Indian tribe or Indian individual who is an appropriately authoritative representative of an Indian religion, provided that the tribe or individual has informed the agency of the existence of such a site.

EO 13007 will facilitate the goal of protection of sacred sites through added emphasis on protection and through its definition of sacred site as a discrete location. Because it addresses only federally recognized tribes, it should not affect efforts to protect sites important to non-federally recognized tribes. The EO does not define "Indian Religion" — a critical element in the definition of sacred sites and to the determination of an authoritative representative of such a religion. The EO requires an implementation report which may necessitate additional communication with tribes to identify sacred sites. An extensive review of regulatory and procedural changes necessary to implement the EO is currently underway.

Until the EO completes an administrative review, and prepares detailed instructions for implementation, it is probably best to exercise great caution in any discussion of this Order.

# Ohio Group Needs Your Help to Protect Public Lands Help Stop The Stripmining of Public Lands

The Office of Surface Mining is about to make a decision that will potentially affect 40 million acres of public lands, especially in the eastern United States. The Buckeye Forest Council is seeking organizations to endorse [join] our campaign to end strip mining on public lands. The Buckeye Forest Council is Ohio's Heartwood affiliate and has focused on strip mining issues for the last three years. We hope this will be the final push to end stripmining on public lands. Campaign endorsements and questions should be directed to: buckeye@envirolink.org or

Buckeye Forest Council; PO Box 99; Athens, OH 45701; (614) 594-6400.

Background:

The history of coal mining in the United States has been one of tragedy to the land and to the people. It has left behind a legacy of impoverished communities and devastated land incapable of forest regrowth. By the 1970s, there was enormous public outcry for the government to tame the coal industry. In 1977, that action came in the form of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act

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# **Conference Calendar**

August 1-4, 1996 - Northwest Regional Environmental History Symposium will be held in Pullman, WA, and Moscow, ID. Contact: Paul Hirt, Dept. of History, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-4030: 509-335-4883: FAX 509-335-4171; e-mail forrest@wsunix. wsu.edu

August 7-10, 1996 - The Central Arizona Highlands: A Multi-Disciplinary Conference will be held at Yavapai College, Prescott, AZ. Contact: Deborah Young, U. of A. Cooperative Extension; 520-445-6590, ext. 3; FAX 520 445-6593.

September 11-14, 1996 - the American Association of State and Local History's annual meeting will be held in Nashville. TN. Contact: Jon Vaughn, 615-255-2971.

September 23-25, 1996 - 1st European Meeting on Phytolith Research will be held in Madrid, Spain. Contact: Jordi Juan i Tresserras Secretary of the Organizing Committee Centro de Ciencias Medioambientales (CSIC) Serrano, 115 dpdo.

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October 3-5, 1996 - Integrating Appalachian Highlands Archaeology Conference will be held in Albany, NY. Contact: Lynne P. Sullivan or Dr. John P. Hart, Anthropological Survey, New York State Museum, 3122 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; 518-474-5813; FAX 518-473or jhart@museum.nysed.gov.

October 16-20, 1996 - the National Trust for Historic Preservation will hold its annual meeting in Chicago, IL. Call 1-800-944-6847.

October 24-27, 1996 - the Eastern States Archaeological Federation will hold its 63rd annual meeting at the Radisson Hotel, Huntington, WV.

November 1-3, 1996 - the Second Annual American Cultural Resource Association Conference will be held in Sacramento, CA. Contact: Dana McGowan, Jones & Stokes Associates, Inc.; 916-737-3000.

November 6-9, 1996 - the Southeastern Archaeological Conference will hold its annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. For further information, contact Jim Knight or Ian Brown, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487.

January 8-12, 1997 - Society for Historical and Underwater Archaeology will hold its annual conference at the Marriott Bayfront, Corpus Christi, TX. Contact: Dr. David L. Carlson, Program Coordinator, Anthropology Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4352; 409-847-9248; FAX 409-845-4070; e-mail sha97@tam2000.tamu.edu.

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# Call for Papers

**Oral History Association** "Looking In, Looking Out: Retelling the Past, Envisioning the Future."

The Oral History Association invites proposals for papers and presentations for its 1997 annual meeting to be held September 25-28, 1997, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The theme of the meeting is "Looking In, Looking Out: Retelling the Past, Envisioning the Future."

The past one hundred years have been marked by global transformations affecting every aspect of life. Personal experience has been shaped and reshaped through participation in the often threatening but also often desired changes moving around the world. This conference provides an opportunity to share research on accounts of personal experience in this century and to test arguments about how the stories people tell about their history relate to the strategies different communities and social institutions have developed to recreate the future. The program committee especially encourages proposals that examine relationships between science, religion, personal values, and debates over public policy, but all subjects are welcome. We invite proposals that demonstrate how the use of oral sources has led creative reexamination of any aspect of modern history.

Proposals may be either individual papers or group sessions. Proposals should include a title and one-page description of the issues and questions papers will address and the names, affiliation, short vitae, mailing address, and phone number of each presenter, including conveyor and suggested commentator. Deadline for proposals is December 10, 1996.

OHA policy prevents those who will present papers at the 1996 annual meeting from doing so in 1997.

For further information and to

submit proposals, contact either/or:

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"Preservation of What, For Whom?" A Critical Look At Historical Significance March 20-22, 1997

Historic preservation practice has changed remarkably in the past few decades and, given the current social, economic, legal, political and aesthetic trends, it is likely going to be reformulated further in the years ahead. To stimulate discussion and debate in all aspects of contemporary practice and its relationships to public policy, The National Council for Preservation Education, in partnership with the National Park Service and Goucher College, is inaugurating a series of invitational conferences focusing on critical issues in the field. The first conference will examine the concept of historical significance as it has been, and as it might be, applied to historic preservation public policy and professional practice. Historical significance should be interpreted as encompassing both tangible and intangible realms of the past; that is, both the built environment and the myriad forces that have given it shape and meaning over time.

Topics to be addressed include:

\* the challenge of communicating

historical significance to popular and professional audiences in the private and public sectors,

 differing views of significance among contributing historical and related disciplines, who defines historical significance,

 ongoing change in the concept[s] of significance.

 relationships between significance and taste.

A major purpose of the conference is to bring together persons from a variety of backgrounds to exchange ideas. Anthropologists, archaeologists (prehistoric and historic), architectural historians, cultural historians, cultural and historical geographers, folklorists, historians of landscape architecture, social historians, and urban historians working in academic institutions. preservation offices, and private practice are among the groups to whom the conference is oriented. To facilitate dialogue, the conference will be limited to single sessions, held over a two-day period, with three evenings reserved for informal exchange. Papers should be analytical rather than primarily descriptive in content, and should address issues, not present case studies. The papers should focus on new material that brings fresh information and/or insights to the field. Each paper should be 20 minutes (approximately 10 to 12 pages) in length. Abstracts should be between 300 and 500 words, submitted no later than 16 September 1996. Abstracts will be selected on the basis of topic, argument and organization. The selection committee reserves the right to request modifications to proposals. All persons submitting abstracts will be notified by 15 October 1996. Papers are due in final form on 20 January 1997, and will be made available to conference attendees. Publication of the proceedings is anticipated in both electronic and printed format, so that submissions should include electronic copies on IBM compatible or Macintosh diskettes, with illustrations.

Academics and professionals working in the preservation fields and in all disciplines related to it are invited to submit proposals. "A Critical Look

at Historical Significance" is scheduled to take place on March 20-22, 1997, at Goucher College, in Towson, Maryland. The College is located immediately south of the beltway, I-695, at Exit 27, in the suburbs north of Baltimore, 20 minutes from the Baltimore-Washington International Airport, and an hour from the District of Columbia. Abstracts and any inquiries should be sent to: Michael A. Tomlan, Project Director, National Council for Preservation Education, 210 West Sibley Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853; 607-255-7261; FAX: 607-255-1971; mat4@cornell.edu

## "Interpreting Edison" June 25-27, 1997

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In recognition of the 150th anniversary of Thomas A. Edison's birth, the National Park Service, Edison National Historic Site, the Organization of American Historians and the New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance will sponsor a conference, "Interpreting Edison," on June 25-27, 1997.

This conference, which will be held at Rutgers University in Newark and at the Edison Site in West Orange, NJ, will convene educators, museum curators, interpreters, scholars from a variety of disciplines and the public for a critical examination of Edison's impact on innovation, manufacturing, business and popular culture.

The conference will also explore Edison's role as inventor, entrepreneur, and cultural figure; the role of Edison's laboratories in Newark, Menlo Park, West Orange and Fort Myers in the development of technology and science; and the role of the National Park Service and other agencies in preserving and interpreting the Edison story.

Conference organizers invite the submission of proposals for papers or panels on any of these or related historical and cultural themes.

The Edison conference offers museum interpreters, scholars and

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classroom educators an opportunity to discuss more generally the history of science and technology, and its interpretation in museums, historic sites and school curricula. To achieve this objective, conference planners also invite proposals for workshops or seminars designed to help educators use cultural resources teach the history of science and technology. These workshops do not necessarily have to relate to Edison.

Edison NHS plans to publish selections from the conference in a proceedings volume. The deadline for submission of all proposals is July 31, 1996. Conference planners will notify speakers by early September 1996. Please send proposals and a brief c.v. or resume to:

Leonard DeGraaf Edison National Historic Site Main Street and Lakeside Avenue West Orange, New Jersey 07052 201-736-0550, ext. 22 INTERNET: EDIS\_Curatorial@nps.gov



## Conference on the Southwest Archaic October 24-26, 1996

This is a formal call for papers for the Conference on the Southwest Archaic, which will take place at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque on October 24-26, 1996. Each contributed paper will be allotted 20 minutes. In addition, submittal of proposals for posters is encouraged, particularly for topics that lend themselves to visual presentation. Posters will follow the standard SAA format with regard to size, and will be set up on the first day of the conference for the duration.

As there is time for only a few papers, the organizing committee will review submitted proposals and select those considered most appropriate to the conference. The conference will emphasize three topics (1) time-space systematics (including classification and chronology building); (2) economic modeling (including subsistence, technology, and mobility); and (3) explanation (including evolutionary ecology, use of analogy, and demography).

For your paper or poster to be considered, please submit an abstract or proposal of not more than 100 words to: Patrick Hogan, Office of Contract Archaeology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

Other aspects of the conference will include invited papers, a keynote address by Bruce Smith, and workshops designed to foster cooperation and information exchange among persons involved in Archaic research. To obtain a registration form, please contact David Phillips at (505) 254-1115 or by e-mail (dap@unm.edu).

# Conference on Research & Resource Management in Parks and on Public Lands

March 17-21, 1997

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"Making Protection Work: Parks & Reserves in a Crowded, Changing World" is the theme of the 9th Conference on Research & Resource Management in Parks and on Public Lands, scheduled for March 17-21, 1997, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. Organized by The George Wright Society, this is the USA's premier interdisciplinary conference on parks and protected areas (including historic sites), and typically draws between 400 and 500 professionals from around the country and elsewhere. All disciplines related to cultural and natural resources, from archaeology to zoology, are represented at the conference.

Four plenary, 1 poster, and 40 concurrent sessions are planned, along with mid-week field trips and other special events. Abstracts are welcomed on any topic related to research, resource management, and interpretation in parks and protected areas, from

any field in cultural and natural resources. The DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS is 1 October 1996.

Complete information on the conference's format, theme, and specific abstract requirements is available through the conference Web site:

http://www.portup.com/~gws/gws97.html;

via e-mail by sending a message to gws@mail.portup.com;

or by writing to The George Wright Society, P.O. Box 65, Hancock, Michigan 49930-0065 USA.

## Integrating Appalachian Highlands Archaeology October 3-5, 1996

Conference is to be held at the New York State Museum, Albany, New York, October 3-5, 1996. Contact: Dr. Lynne P. Sullivan and Dr. John P. Hart, Anthropological Survey, New York State Museum, 3122 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230, Phone: (518) 474-5813, Fax: (518) 473-8496 Email: lsulliva@museum.nysed.gov (or) jhart@mail.nysed.gov

#### Abacus Is Back

After a two year hyatus, Abacus: Statistical Research Newsletter, has sent out its latest issue. Published by Statistical Research, Inc. (SRI), the June 1996 issue of Abacus highlights the changes that have occurred at SRI, particularly in the field of cultural resources management and public education. For further information or to obtain a copy of Abascus contact: Statistical Research, Inc., PO Box 31865, Tucson, AZ 85751-1865.

## **Requests for Information**

#### Military and CCC Ceramics

Robert Morgan is looking for information on the ceramics produced for the military during the 1930s. These were the tablewares made by various contractors for use in mess halls at CCC camps and military camps. They are heavy duty white "institutional" ceramics; plates, bowls, cups, and mugs. The bottom is often marked in blue with US Quartermaster Corp or other military identification. Often the manufacturer's name is on it too.

Investigations have located several trash dumps from CCC camps and prisoner of war camps in South Carolina. These are common to both. Any information would be appreciated. Robert Morgan, Francis Marion & Sumter NFs, 803-887-3257.

### **Shovel Test Internal Survey**

Virginia has just issued "guidelines" for the conduct of archaeological investigations in that state. The docu-ment calls for shovel tests at intervals not exceeding 50 feet (15 meters) on standard identification surveys. It further stipulates that all shovel tests be fully documented with detailed profile descriptions.

Dennis Blanton is requesting information about guidelines for these aspects of survey in other states and, perhaps, informed opinions on what shovel test interval and level of documentation best serves our needs in the eastern U.S.

Thanks in advance for any comments.

Dennis B. Blanton William & Mary Center for Archaeological Research e-mail dbblan@facstaff.wm.edu FAX 804-221-2564 Public Lands ...

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(SMCRA). Among other provisions, it put an end to new coal strip mine operations on public lands. But like many great laws, there was a loophole: Valid Existing Rights.

The unfortunate truth is that no one knows what Valid Existing Rights (VER) are, because Congress did not define the term. They left that task up to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), a government agency within the Department of Interior. Nineteen years later, the Office of Surface Mining has failed to come up with an answer for what Valid Existing Rights are. In the mean time, the loophole has allowed companies to mine public land.

Finally, and after much public pressure, the OSM has initiated a rule-making process to come up with a definition. Four alternatives have been developed: One which would maintain the present state of ambiguity, two that would allow mining on public land, and one that would virtually end strip mining on public lands in the Eastern US. The alternative that would stop the mining is Alternative 2. It is called the "Good Faith All Permits" standard.

In late July, the Office of Surface Mining will be moving forward with this rule-making process during which the opportunity to close the loophole that allows stripmining to persist will arise.

According to Stephanie Hanna, spokeswoman for the Department of Interior, the new definition could affect an estimated 40 million acres of national forests, parks, preserves, and other protected lands. This will have an enormous impact on lands like the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Wayne National Forests. For example, 95% of the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania has mineral rights in private hands, thus the land could be mined if there is an unfavorable definition.

#### Please Sign On

We need to speak in a strong voice and call for an end to an ecological disaster that Congress meant to reign in almost twenty years ago. Please sign on by contacting the Buckeye Forest Council, preferably by E-mail (see above). As the rule-making proceeds, we will be utilizing your endorsement in letters, and possibly meetings, to demonstrate the extent to which the environmental community is unified against strip mining of our public lands. As events are yet unfolding, we must be fluid in our actions. Yet we want to make sure that you are supportive of our efforts BEFORE it is time to act. For that reason, we cannot ask you to sign a particular statement or letter at this time. However, we have the following goals from which the use of endorsements will not deviate:

#### Campaign Goals

- To halt strip mining on public lands.
- To get a favorable definition of Valid Existing Rights (VER).
- 3) To stop industry's efforts to establish a takings' standard for determining mineral rights.
- 4) To ensure the implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA).

## Groups Signed Onto the Campaign

- \* Allegheny Defense Project
- \* Appalachian Science in the Public Interest
- \* Buckeye Forest Council
- \* Circle Pines Center
- \* Citizens Coal Council
- \* Crown Point Ecology Learning Center
- \* DINE' Mining Action Center
- \* Earth Company
- \* Earth Literacy Office
- \* Eastern Forest & Mountain Conservation Project
- \* Federal Land Action Group
- \* The Forest Partnership
- \* Grassroots Coalition for Environmental and Economic Justice
- \* Green Mountain Forest Watch
- \* Highlands Nature Sanctuary
- \* Kentucky Heartwood
- \* Mid-Atlantic Biodiversity Project
- \* Native Forest Network
- \* Neighbors Protecting our Environment
- \* Ohio Citizen Action
- \* Ohio Environmental Council
- \* Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
- \* Preserve Appalachian Wilderness
- \* Residents Against Garbage Environments
- \* Revere Issue Committee
- \* Rivers Unlimited
- \* Save AmericaUs Forests
- \* Simply Living
- \* Sisters of St. Francis
- \* Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project
- \* Superior Wilderness Action Network
- \* Tri-State Citizens Mining Network
- \* West Virginia Rivers Coalition
- \* Western North Carolina Alliance

# **Job Announcements**

#### SENIOR HISTORIAN

New York State Department of Civil Service Job Announcement

22-755 SENIOR HISTORIAN, G-22, Salary \$41,399, Processing Fee \$16

Written test to be held December 14, 1996. Applications must be post-marked no later than Friday, July 26, 1996

Minimum Qualifications: On or before the date of the written test you must have a Ph.D. in history AND two years of public historical research experience in a governmental, historical, or historic preservation setting.

#### Notes:

- 1. Appropriate part-time and volunteer experience, which can be verified, will be accepted on a prorated basis.
- 2. New York State residence is not required.
- Your degree and/or college credit must have been awarded by a regionally accredited college or university or one recognized by the NYS Education Department as following acceptable educational practices. If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. You can write to the Examination Information Desk of the Department for a list of acceptable companies who provide this service. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

The Positions: These positions exist in the State Education Department in Albany. There is one vacancy at present.

Duties: As a Senior Historian, you would perform historical research and write articles for publication. You may

also supervise the development of training programs and the preparation of instructional materials to increase the professional competence of the town, village, city, and county historians throughout the State. You would be responsible for providing expert assistance to individuals and organizations, through correspondence, personal consultation, and by producing and making available published and other information materials. You would be responsible for understanding new interpretive approaches to historical research.

How to apply: Use Form OC\_APP, application for NYS Examinations open to the public. Forms are available (by mail or in person) at the office of the New York State Department of Civil Service: Building 1, State Campus, Albany, NY 12239. You may also obtain application forms by visiting the Civil Service Career Information Center, Suite 108 North Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, or one of the NYS Department of Labor Community Service Centers or local offices; these offices cannot handle mail requests.

## Public Information Services Manager

Utah Department of Community & Economic Development

Public Information Services Manager-State History: \$12.43 to \$18.66 hourly (step 41-56). Department of Community and Economic Development, Division of State History. Submit your resume with the Utah Skill Match cover sheet to the Department of Human Resource Management, 2120 State Office Building, SLC, UT 84114. Please indicate "7CED01" as source code on your cover sheet. Please obtain a cover sheet by calling Chuck Spence at (801) 538-8747.

Duties: Oversees and provides quality

reference services including on-line database searching; answers questions directed from customers in person, by mail and by telephone; promotes division information services state-wide: locate and cultivate new audiences and customers; creates written finding aids, to include bibliographies and research guides for customer use; manages the information services team by providing daily operational supervision; plans and develops policies and procedures and evaluates program effectiveness; develops and coordinates the activities of volunteers; manages information statistics, budgetary information and other related data; oversees the implementation and maintenance of on-line public access catalog (OPAC) and Folio data bases and other automated tools; serves as a member of the collections management team by developing appropriations strategies, designing the annual work plan in conjunction with long range planning and addressing management decisions; helps select reference materials to be placed in a general Utah history reference collection.

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in library sciences, archives, special collections or other related fields plus two years of professional related experience; or substitutions on a year-for-year basis as follows: related graduate study for up to one year of the required employment, or full-time paid professional employment in the library sciences for the required education. Preference will be given to applicants possessing a knowledge of Utah/western U.S. History acquired either through an educational emphasis or employment experience. A rating of training and experience or another method will be used to examine for this position.

Opening date: 7-3-96 Closing date: 7-31-96

#### State News

#### Connecticut

#### Connecticut Gravestone Network

[Reprinted from Digging In: News from the Office of State Archaeology & the Connecticut Historical Commission.]

The Connecticut Gravestone
Network was conceived and established through the efforts of several
Connecticut-based members of the
Association for Gravestone Studies
and other interested individuals who
were concerned about support for and
technical assistance towards the
preservation of Connecticut's historic
gravestones. Newly organized, the
Connecticut Gravestone Network is
currently pursuing incorporation and
nonprofit status.

The Connecticut Gravestone Network's basic purposes are to enhance communication among individuals interested in any of the diverse facets of gravestone studies, to educate the general public on the history and importance of old cemeteries, and to promote the preservation of the state's gravestones and cemeteries. Connecticut Gravestone Network members are encouraged to provide information about on-going projects, restoration efforts, recording and photographic studies, carver identification research, recent vandalism, and other related news for the Connecticut Gravestone Network Newsletter.

The Connecticut Gravestone
Network is envisioned as a resource
that will assist with information
sharing about Connecticut gravestones as well as providing practical
guidance for those individuals and
communities desiring to protect and
preserve historic gravestones. The
Connecticut Gravestone Network is
currently developing a computerized
database program for organizing and
updating information on town-by-town
inventories of gravestones and
cemeteries.

The Connecticut Gravestone Network advocates low-tech maintenance and cleaning methods and community-based documentation efforts for local cemeteries. The Connecticut Gravestone Network is also developing a referral resource list of monument dealers, conservators, restoration professionals, and other pertinent contacts. The CGN has established coordination with the Connecticut State Library, the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, and the Connecticut Office of the State Archaeologist towards the mutual goal of documenting and preserving the state's historic burial grounds.

#### **Objectives**

- \* To protect and preserve old cemeteries, gravestones, and memorial markers, and the history they provide.
- \* To encourage and support preservation efforts, documentation, and the sharing of pertinent information.
- \* To promote and educate through programs and to provide assistance, when possible, to locally sponsored projects.
- \* To serve as a clearinghouse and resource center for establishing and building an information database for interested hobbyists and professionals alike.

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#### New Jersey

## Task Force on New Jersey History

#### by Andrew J. Butrica

On June 22, the Task Force on New Jersey History held hearings in Ocean City on ways of improving the delivery of history and historical services to the public. The hearings were initiated at a time when the Governor and Legislature were considering elimination of the state historical commission, or at least a severe cutback in the commission's funding.

Future Task Force hearings will be

held September 28 at the State House in Trenton, and November 2 at the Historical Society in Newark. The Task Force is composed largely of representatives of the historical commission, state archives, state museums, and other public history institutions and organizations, as well as two legislative members. Only Louis Romano, Democrat from Hudson County, was present at the Ocean City hearings; the other legislator had not been named in time to attend.

Among the organizations and institutions represented by those giving testimony were the state archives, Wheaton Village (a privately owned and managed "historic village" of crafts people), the Cape May Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Burlington County Historical Society, the NJ Association of Museums, The Current newspaper of Ocean City, the Ocean City Historical Museum, the Atlantic City Historical Museum, Somers Mansion Historic Site, the Walt Whitman House, Indian King Tavern, the Grover Cleveland House, the Burlington County Historical Society, and the Upper Township Historical Preservation Society. In addition, a psychiatrist and his son and two citizens unaffiliated with any historical organization gave testimony. Somers Mansion, Walt Whitman House, Indian King Tavern, and the Grover Cleveland House were among six historic sites slated to be closed by the Governor.

The testimony underscored again and again two vital needs of public history in New Jersey: money and advertising. New Jersey history is desperately under funded. This point was driven home by figures provided by a number of the witnesses. The Ocean City Historical Museum, which operates the museum and a seashore cottage, has an annual budget of \$30,000. This is a huge budget compared to other historical museums. However, \$6,000 of that budget goes to liability insurance on just the seashore cottage. The Atlantic City Historical Museum receives no ongoing support from the casinos with which it shares the boardwalk. It has received two grants of \$2,000 each from the Historical Commission in the past, and each grant represented half of the

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Museum's annual budget. Most of the museums in Cape May County operate on no budget.

Some of the witnesses proposed plans for raising money. The most recurring plan was the creation of an endowment with private funds. Among the other plans proposed was a bond issue, but the recent approval of the dredging of Port Elizabeth has put all other bond issues on the shelf for a long while.

Advertising was another vital need emphasized by the witnesses. Tourists simply do not know about historical sites in New Jersey, or they don't think New Jersey has interesting museums, so they don't visit them. In New Jersey, tourism is the second largest industry, and the largest employer. Over and over, witnesses called for more public relations effort (and money) to be spent on advertising the state's museums. This issue was not unrelated to the lack of adequate funding. Because the Walt Whitman House has such a small budget (it

has a total staff, professional, secretarial, etc., of one), it has not been able to function adequately, and so the City of Philadelphia has stricken the site from its tourist literature.

Witnesses raised additional issues, such as the need to make collections accessible to the public. But accessibility requires staffing in a state where 50% of all museums have not even one full-time professional staff person.

Witnesses from four of the six sites threatened with closure by Gov. Whitman described the utter lack of sufficient office equipment. This equipment, as well as full-time professional staff, is essential for raising money, organizing volunteers, and running the site. Only one out of the six sites had a computer; it was a 286and did not work! Only one has a push-button telephone; the others have rotary phones. Only one had a fax machine. Only one had a photocopier. These sites, and almost all of the historic sites represented by the witnesses, also lacked toilets for visitors and staff.

Such is the present state of history in New Jersey, which has more Revolutionary War sites than any other state.

### Pennsylvania

There's Always Room for one More !!!!!

at the

PRR Sesquicentennial Symposium October 11-13, 1996

Join scholars and historians of the Pennsylvania Railroad for three days of lively presentations and discussion. New topics, new speakers, new insights into the "Standard Railroad of the World". Special events, Receptions, Steam Train Ride, Dinner amid the Trains. Historic Strasburg Inn and Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

Keynote Speaker: Maury Klein, author of "Unfinished Business, The Railroad and American Life".

Cost: \$150.00

For more information: Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, P.O.Box 125, Strasburg, PA 17579; (717) 687-8628 or Fax (717) 687-0876.

# "Who's Minding the Past" A Documentary Film by Barry Fuller

Our company has recently completed a documentary film entitled "WHO'S MINDING THE PAST?" The film stresses the importance of cultural resources, the need to preserve them and the various volunteer programs that people can get involved in. While the film is not specifically about lithics, it may be of interest to some of your membership who may be trying to promote volunteerism and interest in historic preservation.

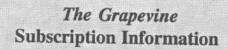
"SAVING THE PAST" is a ten minute presentation about archaeological site monitoring. We can send you information about our films or you can visit our Web Site at http://www.netzone.com/~mediawks/index.html for more information.

# **Archaeology Online**

The University of Cincinnati's Classics Department is undertaking one of the most ambitious on-line archaeological projects ever conceived. A team lead by Jack Davis, the university's Carl W. Begen professor of Greek Archaeology and director of the Pylos Regional Archaeological Project in Greece are putting their project on-line. When completed (a year from now) their World Wide Web (WWW) site will feature 5,000 graphics of antiquities from the Palace of Nestor, accompanied by enough text to overflow the Aegean.

The project was conceived last year when Davis realized that by drawing on information from six universities around the world and using equipment already available, the team could instantly put their project on-line. Davis and his team have already put this project on-line with detailed text and as of January about 600 illustrations and text were on-line. When completed, all of their data will be available for anyone with WWW access.

The Pylos Project's Internet address is: http://classics.lsa.umich.edu. PRAP.html



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