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TREASURY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Inside this Newsletter...

Treasury Tours Held Despite Fire Damage. The recent Treasury Building fire has not denied visitors the opportunity to visit the National Historic Landmark on Saturday public tours.

Preview News on 1997 Commemorative. As we continue our series of bureau holiday ornaments, we are planning for an early release of our 1997 ATF ornament.

Time to Submit Your 1997 Membership. Please help us process renewals economically by sending in your 1997 tax-deductible contribution before we send our standard Springtime renewal requests.

Lecture Day on Life in Federal Georgetown

We have been asked to extend an invitation to THA members to attend a full day of lectures on "Federal Period Life in Georgetown, 1790-1820," at the Dumbarton House at 2715 Q Street, NW in Washington. The house was the residence of Joseph Nourse, longtime first register of the Treasury, whose term in that office exceeded the full career of most civil servants.

The day-long April 18 lecture series will feature speakers Don Hawkins, architectural historian, and Phil Ogilvie, archivist emeritus of the District of Columbia, and others.

Advance registration is required by April 11; seating is limited. The attendance fee is \$25 for the full day of lectures, a box lunch and a tour of the historic house. For further information, call the Dumbarton House at (202) 337-2288.

Treasury Building Notes —

Recent Fire Not the First to Cause Staff to be Moved Out

Did you know...??? The recent fire of June 26 that damaged the North wing of the Treasury Building was not the first time the Department's headquarters suffered the ravage of flame and water. Three significant fires plagued the first Treasury Building, which were important events leading to the construction of today's magnificent Greek Revival building.

On January 20, 1801, less than a year after its completion, the first Treasury Building, located on the site of today's South wing, was damaged by fire at night, thought to have been caused by an oil lamp. A bucket brigade was quickly formed, including the First Neighbor at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Damage was not extensive. The second fire was on the morning of August 24, 1814, when the British came to Washington and set all the public buildings on fire.

Fortunately, there was sufficient advance warning for the Federal government to evacuate its buildings and to relocate its important papers to Virginia. Following the total ruin of Federal offices, employees of Treasury and other buildings had to be housed in rented quarters while the buildings were reconstructed.

Treasury's most historically important fire occurred at night on March 31, 1833: two Treasury workers, brothers Harry and Richard White, were convicted for setting the fire; allegedly, the Whites were engaged in rather unorthodox accounting practices that they did not want to share with the local constabulary and, therefore, set the building ablaze to eliminate all the evidence of their activities. This last fire resulted in the requirement for a new Treasury Building...one that would need to be fireproof in design and construction. Architect Robert Mills was engaged by Treasury to work on this project.

THA Gives Historic Marker to Treasury

A recent gift from THA to Treasury is a plaque to mark room 3222 as the location of the Treasury Secretary's private office from 1842 to 1860. Many years ago, THA provided a number of plaques that mark other successive locations of the Secretary's office, since various incumbents decided to relocate their private offices throughout the building. This new plaque completes the series of markers for the Treasury Secretaries' offices, and will be installed in the near future.

1997 Ornament Will Note ATF Mission, History

THA's 1997 ornament, now in preliminary design development, will commemorate the early history of alcohol tax collection and current missions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. On July 1, 1997, ATF will celebrate its 25th Anniversary of bureau status, but the missions and assignments of it and its predecessor organizations have roots going back to 1791, when a whiskey excise tax was instituted to help the Federal government raise enough revenue to pay off the remaining debts from the Revolutionary War. Our June newsletter will provide further description and ordering information.

Speaker Suggestions ?

If you have speakers to recommend for our noontime lecture series on topics that are related to Treasury history, general Federal history, economics and other Treasury-pertinent topics, please let us know by calling us at (202) 895-5250.

Treasury Tours Continue

Despite the damages caused by the June fire, Saturday public tours are being continued throughout the Treasury Building, except for the Cash Room. For reservations, call (202) 622-0896.

Inventory Reduction Sale for Limited Time, 1997 Members Only

We are offering 1997 members a special price on commemorative ornaments of 1995, 1994 and 1993, to help us reduce our inventory. For our new members, this will be an opportunity to catch up on past year collectibles at special prices. Our 1995 ornament commemorates the history of the Secret Service; the 1994 ornament noted the Bureau of Engraving and printing's postage stamp centennial; and 1993's ornament commemorates the 80th Anniversary of the 16th Amendment and IRS' history.

The usual price of the ornament is \$12 each, with member price at \$10. During March 1997, the following prices are offered to 1997 members for any combination of ornaments, subject to availability of our excess levels of supply:

1-2 ornaments	\$9 each
3-5 ornaments	\$8 each
6+ ornaments	\$7 each

To order, please complete the form in the right column of this page, citing prices from the above table.

Membership Renewal Time is Approaching

Each Spring, THA sends renewal letters to members whose status in the Association expired on the previous December 31, asking them to renew with a tax-deductible donation for the current year. Please help us reduce the cost of the renewal letters by renewing today, using the form in the right column of his page.

If you are still a 1996 member (see first digits on the envelop mailing label), please renew with a contribution to THA to assist in our educational and historic preservation missions. If you are already a current 1997 member, please consider upgrading your membership with a contribution at the marginal amount between your current category and a higher category. Members above the General level of giving receive a special THA appreciation gift (see box at right).

Order Form for THA's Inventory Reduction Sale and Membership

Please cut out this column and mail it with your check payable to THA to:

**Treasury Historical Association
P.O. Box 28118
Washington, DC 20038-8118**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Order for Ornaments

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1995 U.S. Secret Service	_____
1994 BEP, Stamp Centen'l	_____
1993 IRS 16th Amendment	_____

Total No. of Ornaments: _____

Total Amount of Order: \$ _____
(See Table at Left)

Membership Renewal or Upgrade

___ Renewal for 1997: Select Category and Amount Below

___ Upgrade current 1997 membership: Select Higher Category, and determine marginal dollar amount above your current membership level.

Please check Membership Category:
___ General (\$12)

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| ___ Supporting (\$50)
___ Patron (\$100)
___ Sustaining (\$250)
___ Life Sponsor (\$500)
___ Life Donor (\$1,000 +) |
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Members at categories within this box receive a special THA appreciation gift. Select either: ___ Gold-finished business card holder, hand, key and eagle design from Treasury Building's interior column capitals; ___ Note-pad folio, Treasury Building on green cover, THA logo inside.

Membership payment: \$ _____



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Inside this Newsletter...

Treasury Fire Damage Repairs Made Slowly. Work in the Treasury Building's 1869 North wing proceeds very slowly, due to merging several programmed systems upgrade projects with fire damage repair.

1997 Commemorative Ornament Unveiled. The ninth in our series of bureau holiday ornaments, recognizing the earliest mission of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on the occasion of ATF's 25th Anniversary as a bureau of the Department of the Treasury will soon be available. Please order early via form on reverse.

Time to Submit Your 1997 Membership. If you haven't responded to our recent renewal request letter, please do so today with a tax-deductible contribution to THA.

A New Deal for the Arts Exhibition at Archives

The National Archives and Records Administration recently opened an exhibition on 1933-1943 New Deal Arts Projects that will extend until January 11, 1998. During that 11-year period, tax dollars from the U.S. Treasury employed artists, musicians, actors, writers, photographers and dancers. This special exhibition tells the story of the short-lived, but remarkable cultural endeavors to provide work for jobless artists and to promote American art and culture.

The National Archives exhibit hall is located on Constitution Avenue, between 7th and 9th Streets, NW, and is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. though Labor Day, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the Fall and Winter months.

Treasury Building Notes—

Early Concerns for a Fireproof Treasury

Did you know...??? Following the Treasury Building fire on March 31, 1833, the Secretary hired an architect who had earned a reputation for designing fireproof buildings in the South to conduct a study leading to a design for a new fireproof Treasury Building. The Secretary's interest at that time went beyond a concern for this one building, as he had responsibility for all U.S. Government buildings, nationwide.

Architect Robert Mills' plans were well received by the Secretary and the President, and they sought and received a Congressional appropriation of \$100,000 for the construction. The construction included very little flammable material — primarily the window sashes, doors and staircase railings were wood; all other elements were brick, stone, marble and a small amount of iron. The fireproof Mills building constitutes the 15th Street wing and center wing of today's Main Treasury Building.

Mills' design included the impressive colonnade on 15th Street, consisting of 30 pillars, each 36 feet tall and the unsupported interior cantilevered staircases, both bold for early Washington, D.C. The construction period from 1836-42 was lengthy due to several causes, not the least of which was the determination of the precise location for the Building. Mills wanted a deeper setback from the street; however, conflicting issues, including a desire to build New Treasury in line with the Old State Department Building to the North, resulted in its placement closer to 15th Street. This precluded a grand entry staircase into the building as the architect desired, so Mills designed lateral exterior staircases leading to an entry that was between the columns of the long colonnade into what is now the second floor of the Building. In 1909-10, the exterior staircases were removed during a major exterior renovation.

THA's 1997 Ornament Notes ATF Mission

As the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms prepares to celebrate its 25th Anniversary as a Treasury bureau on July 1, 1997 (having "spun off" from IRS in 1972), THA announces its commemorative holiday ornament that notes this anniversary. ATF's functional history began with the first alcohol tax law passed in 1791, which authorized Treasury Department collectors — ancestors of today's ATF agents — to assess tax on the production of whiskey. Three years later, the farmers in western Pennsylvania led an uprising called the Whiskey Rebellion to protest this tax. President George Washington and Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, in an unprecedented and unrepeated event, went to the area to persuade the farmers to pay the tax. THA has portrayed this event in our 24-karat gold finished ornament.

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Please use the form below to order your 1997 ornament. No other advertisement will be sent to THA members. Cut out this column, including your mailing label, and mail it with your check to:

**Treasury Historical Association
P.O. Box 28118
Washington, DC 20038-8118**

Order for 1997 Ornament

___ 1997 Ornament on ATF 25th Anniversary @ \$10 each \$ _____

Less early order discount for orders postmarked by 8/15/97 @ \$1 less per each. - \$ _____

Less bulk order discount for orders of 30 or more (1 check, 1 destination) @ \$1 less each ornament: - \$ _____

Total of order: \$ _____

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Ornament, continued

The ornament measures approximately 2-3/4 by 3 inches, and is finished with colored enamel to complement the gold finish. As are all other THA ornaments, it is accompanied by an educational enclosure card and hanging ribbon, and is gift boxed.



Non-member price is \$12 for each ornament, which includes postage. Current (i.e., 1997) THA members' price is \$10 each. An early order discount is offered for orders that THA receives by August 15, 1997, as well as a discount for bulk orders of 30 or more units at any time. Delivery to our customers will start in October.

Mark Your Calendar for Third "Salute the Square" Event

October 18, 1997 will be the date for the third annual "Salute the Square" event where the neighborhood buildings of Lafayette Square will host an open house of their respective facilities. The Treasury Building will be opened that Saturday, and the public will be able to visit the Andrew Johnson Suite, also known as the temporary White House of the Treasury. Further details will follow in the next quarterly THA newsletter.

Speaker Suggestions ?

If you have speakers to recommend for our noontime lecture series on topics that are related to Treasury history, general Federal history, or financial history, please let us know by either writing to us at our post office box address or by calling our information and message line at (202) 895-5250.

Treasury Repairs Go Slowly Due to System Upgrade Projects

While all of us are anxious to see last June's fire damage to the North wing of the Treasury Building be repaired as quickly as possible, the Department is moving forward in a coordinated manner to work concurrently on various major systems projects that had already been programmed for the Building. Long-standing planned projects include upgrading the electrical, the heating, venting and air conditioning, and the telecommunications systems throughout the entire Treasury Building. These projects would, under normal circumstances, have taken a number of years to plan and fully implement, on a phased basis.

In recognition of the full range of construction work that is needed, Treasury plans a phased approach for the major systems upgrades. The North wing will be done first, with fire damage repairs being done concurrently—rather than repairing the fire damage immediately and then later subjecting the North wing to further work related to needed electrical, HVAC and telecommunications system upgrades.

From information obtained by THA, we conclude that the fire damage repair work will begin in approximately one year — two years following the tragic rooftop fire.

Are You an Up-to-Date Member of THA?

Recently, THA's membership committee chair sent renewal request letters to members whose status in the Association expired December 31, 1996, asking them to renew with a tax-deductible donation for 1997.

The first line of your mailing label; indicates the year of your membership (except for some recent renewals we are still processing). If you are not current, please renew your membership in THA today so we can continue our educational and historic preservation missions. Thanks!



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Inside this Newsletter...

THA Fundraising Starts to Re-Gild Historic Cash Room Ceiling. THA has established a special committee to raise private funds to provide to the Department of the Treasury for gold-leaf restoration of the ceiling elements of the historic Cash Room and North Wing staircase corner domes..

1997 Commemorative Ornament Available. This year's commemorative ornament, honoring the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on its 25th Anniversary as a bureau of the Treasury is expected from the factory in late October. Order yours early to avoid disappointment later in the season.

"Salute the Square" Open House Event. Mark your calendars: October 18, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

THA Member Survey Will Help Guide Future

The Treasury Historical Association's Board of Directors is seeking views of its members, with respect to our current and planned activities.

Included with this edition of the newsletter is a two page questionnaire that we hope will bring responses that will be quite helpful to the various committees that operate the Association. Your response will give you a voice in the direction the committees will be setting for providing improved services both to our THA members and to the Treasury Department.

Please take just a few minutes to complete the survey questionnaire and return it to THA in the pre-paid and pre-addressed return envelope that is enclosed. Many thanks, in advance!

Treasury Building Notes—

Replacement of Fire-Damaged Treasury Slow a Century Ago

Did you know...??? Robert Mills' new Treasury Building was completed in 1842, replacing the facility that was burned by arsonists in 1833. During the period in which the Department had no building of its own, Treasury employees were housed in a number of rented quarters throughout the city.

As construction proceeded, the mammoth New Treasury posed quite an impressive appearance, abutting and dwarfing the State Department Building, the twin of the earlier Treasury. New Treasury, a T-shaped building that constitutes the East and center wings of today's Main Treasury, took six years to construct, a long time even in that era. As noted in the last THA newsletter, some of the delay was attributed to a slow determination of the exact location for the new building. Other causes included the fact that Mills had to teach the local workmen how to construct building elements of the Old World architecture style that they were unfamiliar with, such as the free-floating spiral staircases and the groin vault ceilings.

Also, the Congress contributed to the delay, due to their intent to disassemble the grand Greek revival exterior midway in the construction period. In the Spring of 1838, a spirited debate over the structure design, the siting, the use of sandstone and other issues relating to the New Treasury Building ensued. Representative Levi Lincoln of Massachusetts introduced a bill into the House that proposed demolishing the New Treasury and reusing the stone to construct a post office. The bill was voted upon and defeated by a narrow margin of three votes. Mills, victorious, was allowed to complete the building that is today considered his masterpiece. Within ten years of its completion, New Treasury was deemed to be too small for the growing Department.

THA's Holiday Cards, Ornament Soon Ready

As noted in the June newsletter, our 1997 ornament commemorates the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' 25th Anniversary as a Treasury bureau. THA unveiled its ornament prototype at the ATF director's ceremony on July 9, 1997, and provided order forms for ATF employees to obtain this special memento, with delivery slated to begin in late October. We are reprinting the order form below for the convenience of our members, and have added a special offer for the purchase of THA's holiday cards. The cards feature the South view of the Treasury Building in a snow setting, and come in a choice of inside printing.

Please use the form below to order your 1997 ornament or holiday cards. Cut out this column including your mailing label and mail it with your check to:

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___ 1997 Ornament on ATF 25th Anniversary @ \$10 each for 1997 THA members: \$_____

Order for Holiday Cards

___ Box(es) Treasury Building Holiday Cards @ \$8 per box for 1997 THA members, \$_____ of the following types:
 Merry Christmas Seasons Greetings Blank for notes.

Less early order discount for card orders dated by October 15, 1997 @ \$1 less per box. \$_____

Grand Total of order: \$ _____

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 [Address Label]
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THA's 1997 Commemorative Ornament



THA's Holiday Card Front

Third Annual "Salute the Square" Event

The neighboring buildings of Lafayette Square will host an open house of their facilities on October 18, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. This is the third year for this event. Main Treasury will be opened that Saturday, and the public will be able to visit the Secretary's diplomatic reception and conference rooms, after entering through the South entrance of the Building. THA will be on hand with a variety of commemorative products. Mark your calendar for October 18, and come to learn more about the rich history of the Lafayette Park buildings you will be able to visit, including the Riggs Bank, Decatur House, Renwick Gallery, St. John's Church and others.

Noontime Lecture Program in Temporary Abeyance

THA has temporarily suspended its noontime lecture program, due to the nonavailability of adequate conference space in the Treasury Building. The damage caused by the June 1996 fire has resulted in the closing of not only the Cash Room, but also the larger conference rooms in the North wing of the Building.

THA Soon to Kick Off Major Funding Drive for Gilding Ceilings

Heading a special committee for a major project fundraising effort, THA Board member (and retired FMS assistant commissioner) Michael Serlin will strive to raise \$200,000 from individuals and businesses, to permit the Association to give the Treasury Department funds for gilding or gold leafing design elements of the ceiling of the Cash Room and the two North wing corner domes. The project is planned to be done simultaneously with repairing the structural damage of these ceilings that was caused by the June 1996 fire.

At this time, the committee membership is developing; already joining the committee are THA Board members (and former IRS Commissioner) Donald Alexander and (former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy) Cynthia Beerbower. One or two additional committee members will complete the composition of this group.

Recent, pre-fire research of the Cash Room and dome ceilings revealed that much of the design work was originally gilded, but in later years, probably around the turn of the century, the gold was covered with conventional ceiling paint. THA's goal is to return these ceilings to the original grandeur of their 1860 creation.

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Inside this Newsletter...

THA Board Election Time is Here. THA's Board of Directors will complete its term shortly. This December newsletter is being issued early to permit members the opportunity to vote prior to the December 1 deadline.

Annual Meeting to be Held on December 3. THA's annual business meeting and lecture will be held on December 3, at noon, at a Treasury leased office site. RSVPs are requested if you plan to attend.

THA Board Election, Member Votes Invited

The Treasury Historical Association Board of Directors will be completing its current term of office at the end of the year. By December 31, a new Board will be elected for the next two-year period. Officers will be elected by the outgoing Board members from among the new Board's members, and THA's president for the new term will appoint committee chairs shortly.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a ballot for members who wish to cast their votes for the 1998 - 1999 Board of Directors. Each current (i.e., 1997) THA member is entitled to a vote in this election. The enclosed ballot lists the slate of candidates, and provides space for you to add your own nominees for consideration if you wish.

Please return your ballots immediately upon receipt of this newsletter to assure that THA has them by the December 1 deadline to permit consideration by the December 3 THA business meeting and lecture.

Treasury Building Notes —

Shortage of Office Space Has Been Long-Standing Issue

Did you know...??? Within a dozen years following the completion of the new Treasury Building in 1842, it was already too small for the growing Department, and the Congress funded the first of three "extensions" to the building. Mills' T-shaped building (today's 15th Street wing and center wing) was the largest Executive Branch building in Washington, but it could no longer accommodate all the staff in its 36 rooms per floor.

Since Mills' appointment at Treasury had expired, his successor was given responsibility for the overall design or master plan for all three extensions. Thomas Walter, the architect who designed the new dome of the Capitol Building, designed the three extensions' exteriors in such a manner as to completely assimilate Mills' wing. The first extension was the South wing, begun in 1855 and completed in late 1860. The interior design was developed by architect Ammi Young.

Young, unlike Mills, made extensive use of cast iron beams and ironwork decorative treatment. Young supervised a talented metal-artist J. Goldsborough Bruff, who designed for the corridors cornices of fruit and vegetables, signifying the wealth of the nation in the agrarian economy. Included in the iconography was a unique column capital of an eagle and a hand holding a key, symbolic of the public trust given to the Treasury Department in safeguarding the nation's money. This design element was continued in all later extensions of the Treasury Building by the two successor architects.

Completion of the South wing in 1860 brought only temporary relief to the crowded working conditions in the Treasury. Fortunately, the second extension had already been approved by the Congress and construction of the West wing had already begun.

THA Member Survey Brings Many Ideas

Thanks to all of you who responded to the survey we enclosed with the September newsletter. We received over a 40% response rate. If you have not responded as yet, and wish to do so, please send us your completed survey form right away.

At first perusal, we noted that many responses contained excellent suggestions for committee chairs to consider and for the Board to vote on. Many of the suggestions, if adopted, could help improve THA's operations. We will provide further details of the results of the survey as various suggestions are adopted. Thanks, again, to all who took the time to respond! And a special thanks for those of you who offered your volunteer services to help THA; we will be in touch with you shortly.

Special Committee Set to Raise Funds for Gilding of Ceilings.

As noted in the last THA newsletter, a special committee of THA Board members was established and is now developing plans for a Spring 1998 program to raise \$200,000 from both individuals and businesses. This funding drive will permit THA to give the Department funds for gold leafing the design elements of the ceilings of the 1869 Cash Room and the two North wing corner domes. Chaired by retired FMS Assistant Commissioner Michael Serlin, this committee consists of former IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander, former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy Cynthia Beerbower, and former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Charles Powers.

Send Renewal to THA, P.O. Box 28118,
Washington, DC 20038-8118

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End-of-Year Giving Helps in Planning

An end-of-year renewal of your membership for next calendar year will be of great assistance to THA in our financial planning for 1998, as well as in reducing our postage costs we incur with renewal notice(s) in the new year. Also, of course, your tax deductible membership contribution could help in your own tax planning efforts for tax year 1997. Please consider not only an early renewal of your THA membership but also a renewal at a higher level of giving than the current year.

Next year will mark the 25th Anniversary of THA's service to the Department and to its members in the areas of historic preservation and education relating to the Treasury Department. Particularly over the past ten years, we have been very fortunate to be able to assist the Department substantially in its efforts to restore the historic Treasury Building. This was able to be done only through the generosity of our members.

In addition to the special project described in the column to the left, THA is aware of a number of restoration projects that need to be undertaken in the building, many of which might not be eligible for funding through the Government's appropriation process. Therefore, private funding is critical to the completion of these historic restoration projects.

To submit your early renewal for next year, please cut out the form below, along with your address label that appears in the first column (please note that the first two digits on the address label indicate the calendar year in which your membership expires).

Many thanks, in advance,

Renewal: Enclosed is my contribution check for membership renewal for 1998 at the following level:

General (\$12) Supporting (\$50)
 Patron (\$100) Sustaining (\$250)
 Life Sponsor (\$500) Life Donor (\$1,000)

Annual Business Meeting and Lecture, December 3

The annual business meeting of THA will be held on December 3, 1997, at noon, at a Treasury leased office site: 740 15th Street, NW, Suite 400—Conference Room 4414. Due to the damage caused by last year's fire, the Main Treasury rooms that have previously been available to THA for meetings have not been completely repaired and returned to service.

Included in the meeting will be an informative lecture by Treasury Curator Paula Mohr, who will provide details of the Treasury' Building's 1996 fire and the repair activities completed to date and planned for the near future.

Space is limited: therefore, if you wish to attend this meeting, please call in your name and daytime telephone number to THA's information and message line, 202-895-5250 by December 1 at noon. Messages may be left prior to the completion of the announcement about our commemorative products, by pressing the * button on your telephone.

THA Funding Helped With Historic Cataloging Project

THA was pleased to be able to provide funding for a very important project to capture the rich history of the Treasury Department through its related documents. The THA-funded research project created a database and an annotated bibliography of significant historic books and documents dating from the 1700s to 1945 that were found in the Treasury Library and in the Office of the Curator.

This database is now available for use by the public in the Treasury Library, where copies of the published inventory are also available. For further information, call the Library at 202-622-0990 or write to the Main Treasury Library, Room 5310, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220.