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NEWSLETTER NEW HAMPSHIRE ARCHIVES GROUP September 1989

Summer is over and thoughts return once again to cool weather, school days, and the New Hampshire Archives Group. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 1989, at the headquarters of the Exeter Historical Society. Directions and registration follow.

We are pleased to offer a special treat to those who attend the October meeting. John McDonough, Manuscript Historian at the Library of Congress, and Donald Cole, Professor Emeritus, Phillips Exeter Academy, and biographer of Martin van Buren, will speak on the life and career of Benjamin Brown French of New Hampshire. They are the editors of French's journal, **Witness to the Young Republic: A Yankee's Journal, 1828-1870**, which has recently been published by the University Press of New England. Mr. McDonough will also discuss the resources of the Manuscript Division at LC.

The workshop portion of our meeting will feature a review of collections processing by Katie McDonough of the State Library, followed by a presentation by Nancy Merrill and Darcy Gilman of the Exeter Historical Society on how they process their manuscript collections. The final speaker of the day will be Kevin Shupe, Archivist at the Portsmouth Athenaeum. He will share his expertise in working with manuscripts, explain how he processes collections at the Athenaeum, and entertain us with "horror stories" he has encountered while processing collections. These last two sessions will provide some hands-on or practical information for you to use when processing your own collections.

Lunch will be on your own - either brown bag or purchase at one of the restaurants in Exeter. We will break early for lunch to allow you time to get your meal and to take a tour of the Historical Society. We may also be able to see the archives at Phillips Exeter.

Please fill out the accompanying registration form and return to Betsy Hamlin-Morin at the New Hampshire Historical Society no later than October 6th.