

Holdings of the Region Five Branch of the National Archives, Chicago

Researchers in American history who reside in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota should be aware that many of the most consulted records of the National Archives in Washington, D. C., are available on microfilm at the archives' Region Five Branch in Chicago. Moreover, the films are available on interlibrary loan, thus obviating in many cases costly research excursions to either the main archives or the branch. Materials from twenty-three National Archives record groups are on film, including such important records for the study of the Old Northwest as those of the Department of State, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Office of the Secretary of War. Also available are microfilm copies of the 1850 and 1880 censuses for each of the states except Minnesota.

In addition to microfilm materials the Chicago branch is also the repository for the original records of a number of federal agencies. Important among these are the records—case files and bound volumes—of the federal district courts of the states of the Old Northwest from approximately the year each court was created through 1946. (Due to jurisdictional changes in the branch archives system, the records of the Minnesota district court, 1863-1945, are at the Kansas City branch.) Also on deposit are small quantities of customs, internal revenue, and weather bureau records; materials from Indian agencies in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa; and the personal papers of Judge William J. Campbell of Chicago.

For information on microfilm holdings, interlibrary loan, availability of records for a specific agency or topic, or the holdings of the ten other regional branch archives, write to the Chief, Archives Branch, Federal Records Center, 7201 South Leamington Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638.

Symposium on Ethnic Studies

On Saturday, April 28, 1973, a conference with the theme "Ethnic Studies: Sources for Research" will be held on the Lincoln Park campus of De Paul University, 2323 North Seminary Street, Chicago. It will be sponsored by the Society