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The American Association for State and Local History, the non-profit, educational organization of historical agencies in the United States and Canada, would like to introduce you to HISTORY NEWS, our monthly publication. We are taking the privilege of sending you this publication free on a six-month trial basis. After that period, if you find HISTORY NEWS and the work of the Association of value to you in carrying out your duties as a trustee, we earnestly hope you will join the Association so that you may continue to receive this informative publication.

HISTORY NEWS will interest you because of its broad coverage of historical activities in the United States and Canada. Our news stories, special features, and articles will give you a cross-section of what historical agencies are doing. New ideas and innovations are highlighted; trends in budgeting, programming, collecting, preservation, and dissemination techniques are noted.

The enclosed February issue features an ably written and informative article by San Francisco attorney Howard Hassard on the "Legal Responsibilities of Historical Society Trustees." A specialist in this field of law, Hassard succinctly summarizes this vital and hard to find information.

The recent appointment of a new president of Sturbridge Village, the New York State Historical Association's acquisition of the Butterfield library, and the Association's announcement of grant-in-aid awards for research projects in local history, highlight the news stories for this month. Our regular column, "What's Going On," briefly summarizes notices of meetings, activities, appointments, and exhibit openings. You will find many other helpful features, such as book reviews, and acquisitions of important library and manuscript collections.

HISTORY NEWS is only one of many activities of the American Association for State and Local History. For your convenience, we are enclosing a list of our publications that will serve as an additional guide to our work. Your own historical society director can tell you more about the Association and its program. If you prefer, you may write directly to this office for further information.

Sincerely yours,

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