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Luther H. Evans, of Texas, Appointed Head of WPA Historical Record Survey.

Appointment of Dr. Luther H. Evans, of Bastrop, Texas, for the past
e years assistant professor of politics at Princeton University, as National
ervisor of the Historical Records Survey now being conducted by the WPA
eral Writers' Project, was announced today by Assistant WPA Administrator
ob Baker.

The Historical Records Survey has been organized to carry out the
s of a recent WPA allotment of \$1,195,800 for making a nationwide inventory
merican historical materials. The principal work will consist in the listing
ublic records of state, county and municipal records for use by scholars,
rnmental officials, business men and others. It will include the preparation
eneral descriptions of the historical papers in the possession of libraries,
orical societies, and similar groups.

The project, on which Dr. Evans has been working for several months,
been prepared with the close cooperation and advice of representatives of a
er of learned organizations, including the American Historical Association,
American Council of Learned Societies, the Social Science Research Council,
the Joint Committee on Materials for Research. The basic principles of the
ey have the endorsement of these groups and also a number of state historians

archivists who have pledged their cooperation. Many of the latter will direct work in the states on a volunteer basis.

Success of the Historical Records Survey will be greatly assisted by connection with the Federal Writers' Project, which already has a nation-wide administrative organization, it was pointed out. However, cooperation and assistance of persons interested in local history throughout the country will be essential to the Survey to realize its fullest possibilities. Dr. Evans has extended an invitation to all persons interested in a better appreciation of local history, the better preservation of local records, to indicate their interest to the local or State Director of Federal Writers' Project, or to the office of the National Supervisor of the Survey.

Before teaching at Princeton, Dr. Evans taught for two years at Plymouth College, one year at New York University, and three years at Leland Stanford University. He received his Ph. D. from Stanford University in 1927, in the fields of political science and history. He received his undergraduate training at the University of Texas. He is the author of numerous articles on subjects as constitutional and international law, the League of Nations, and the Virgin Islands.

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