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is located in the Detroit building which also houses Gale. *Who's Who In America, 1996*, indicates that Fred has another office in Florida. ...

Then there is **Greenwood Publishing Group Inc.**, founded in 1967 as **Greenwood Press, Inc.** in New York City and moved to Westport, CT, a few years later. *A Guide To Book Publishers' Archives* (BISG, 1966) lists a **Greenwood Press (San Francisco)** crediting one **Jack Stauffacher** with pertinent papers dating 1956-58. This is not *the* **Greenwood Press**. A search of the "Directory of Publishers" in H. W. Wilson's *Cumulative Book Index 1953-1956* and *1957-58* lists **Henry Greenwood Co.** of London as the only other company using this name. The Greenwood we are interested in is a very important publisher of scholarly books which are held in all academic library collections. This company's founders were **Harold Schwartz, Harold Mason** and **Herbert Johnson**. I knew **Harold Mason** as a librarian and as a rare book dealer. **Herbert Johnson**, son of **Walter J. Johnson**, a cofounder of **Academic Press**, and I were well acquainted during his early publishing days at Academic. In 1975 Herbert founded **JAI Press**, Greenwich, CT, publisher of professional titles many of which are marketed to academic libraries. In view of the above, I am convinced that the archives of **Greenwood Publishing Group** would be essential to any reader, so I telephoned **Robert Hagelstein**, president of Greenwood. I first met Bob, as I recall it, pool side in the sweltering heat of Las Vegas during the 1971 ALA meeting. He was at that time v.p. of marketing. **Nora Kisch**, a **Charleston Conference** alumna, has been VP and director of marketing for the past several years. In 1973 Bob was made president of the com-

pany and has guided it most competently under several ownerships, the present one being **Reed Educational & Publishing Co.** Greenwood has absorbed several important scholarly publishers, including **Bergin & Garvey** and **Praeger Publishers**. I remember a pleasant talk with Jim Bergin at a PSP dinner in the 1970s when meetings were held at the very comfortable Absecon Country Club on the Jersey shore. Greenwood has archival material on **Bergin & Garvey** ...

Another prominent publishing name is **Frederick A Praeger**. No history of publishing in the 20th century could be complete without Fred Praeger, probably among the most versatile, enterprising persons ever to be connected with our industry. *Who's Who In America, 1992/93*, tells us that Fred was at one time a jewelry salesman (I never heard that from his lips in the many talks we had, but I am not one bit surprised). Here are some of his many accomplishments and activities in addition to Praeger Publishing, with no chronological order attempted: **Phaidon Press**, London; **Pall Mall Press**, London; founded **Westview Press**, Boulder, Co; on the faculty of U.S. Army General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth; with U.S. forces in Frankfurt-am-Main after WW II. Here are some noteworthy publishers who worked with Fred: **Mary E. Curtis, Patrick Bernuth, David Replogle, Lynne Riener, Matthew Held**. In his mid-seventies he was still an avid runner. I recall that at a **Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP)** annual meeting in San Francisco, Fred was scheduled to give a speech, which he almost missed because his daily "run" had taken longer than anticipated ... By now, Dear Reader, you may be wondering what happened to **Greenwood Press**. You must understand that the mere mention of FAP throws anyone who knew him clean off the track. Getting back to archival sources, **Bob Hagelstein** reports

that Greenwood does have some Praeger archives ... I wouldn't be surprised if **Patrick Bernuth**, now vice president and general manager of **Congressional Quarterly** (see above), Washington, might have information where Praeger archives may be found. Patrick was at Praeger during the **Holt, Rinehart and Winston** ownership. Another former proprietor of Praeger Publishers was *Encyclopedia Britannica*, but I doubt if this is an archival source. This is long way off the mark of making suggestions as to the whereabouts of archival material. I really didn't intend to get side-tracked on **Frederick A. Praeger** or the various publishing companies bearing his name. I can only hope that some ambitious younger person will take on the task of writing a book on the subject. And in the meantime, I will plead remembrance of publishing past ... 🌿

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