

and for other facts. Only such material as may have administrative, legal or historical value is received for archival files, but the accumulation through the years has become so voluminous that it is taxing the facilities now available. However, through the cataloging system now employed the state archivists are more closely integrating the activities of this division with the current filing systems of the state departments contributing the records, which now constitute a back file of departmental papers and records arranged for immediate inspection at any time.

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