

management should be left to some other agency, but since this would require the creation of such an agency, it was decided that the Hall of Records should take responsibility. What we accomplish within the next year or two will determine whether this decision was a wise one and whether we should attempt to do more than initiate the program. Certainly we cannot do more without expanding our staff.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the last General Assembly provided \$55,000 for the rehabilitation of our air-conditioning system. In my last report I pointed out that the present system, installed in 1934, has ceased to be of any value and that beginning with the summer of 1947 we have observed increasing damage to the records. Plans have already been submitted to the Chief Engineer of the State, and it is expected that before next summer we shall have the new system in operation.

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