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PREFACE

The Inventory of Federal Archives in the States is one of the products of the work of the Survey of Federal Archives, which operated as a nationwide project of the Works Progress Administration from January 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937, and has been continued in Mississippi since that date as a state project of that Administration.

The plan for the organization of the Inventory is as follows: Series I consists of reports on the administration of the Survey, acknowledgments, and general discussions of the location, condition, and content of federal archives in the states. Succeeding series contain the detailed information secured by workers of the Survey, in inventory form, a separate series number being assigned to each of the executive departments (except the Department of State) and other major units of the Federal Government. Within each series No. 1 is a general introduction to the field organization and records of the governmental agency concerned; the succeeding numbers contain the inventory proper, separate numbers being assigned to each state in alphabetical order. Thus, in each series, the inventory for Alabama is No. 2, that for Arizona No. 3, that for Arkansas No. 4, etc.

For each local office information regarding each series, or unit of related records, is presented in the following order: title, inclusive dates ("to date" indicating an open file at the time the information was secured), general description of informational content, description of the system of filing or indexing (if any), a statement of frequency and purpose of use, form of the record itself (bound volumes, sheets in folders, etc.), linear footage, description of the containers, physical condition of the records (not stated if satisfactory), location by room number or other identifying information, and finally, the number of the Form 58SA on which this information was originally recorded by a Survey worker and from which it was abstracted for the Inventory. This form is on file in The National Archives. When it contains substantial information on addenda sheets which has not been included in the mimeographed abstract, indication of this is given by use of the reference "See addenda."

In Mississippi the work of the Survey was under the direction of Mr. Stanley C. Arthur, regional director for Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, with Mr. George E. Schilling as state supervisor, until June 30, 1937. Since that time Mr. Schilling has been in charge of the state project. This inventory of the records of the Department of Commerce in Mississippi was prepared in the New Orleans office of the Survey under the direction of Mrs. Norris Fazekas, editor-in-chief and assistant state supervisor, and was edited before final typing by Mr. A. R. Kooker of the Washington Office.

Stanley C. Arthur  
State Supervisor  
Survey of Federal Archives  
in Louisiana

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BUREAU OF AIR COMMERCEJACKSON

AIR NAVIGATION DIVISION  
AIRWAY MAINTENANCE, DISTRICT 2  
DISTRICT MANAGER  
Alexander Bldg., 227 S. Farish St.

This office of the district manager was established in 1933 and was located in Shows' garage, Anite St., until 1934, when it moved to 127 North Farish St., where it remained until 1935, when it moved to its present location. This office is charged with the duties of maintaining airway lights, fields, radios, and other matters requiring attention in aeronautics. All records have been retained; no records have been lost, destroyed, or sent to Washington.

1. CORRESPONDENCE, 1933 to date. Between Washington and local office, relative to beacon lights, supplies, finances, and other matters requiring attention of either office. Filed by subject. (Frequently, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 10 in., in drawer of steel filing case. Office. (1039)

2. REPORTS, RECORDS, AND TELEGRAMS, 1933 to date. On airway lights and parties in charge; repairs; and telegrams to and from Washington concerning matters handled. Filed by subject. (Frequently, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 1 ft. 4 in., in drawer of steel filing case. Office. (1037)

3. SUPPLIES, BUILDINGS, AND GROUND REPORTS, 1933 to date. On finance, supplies, buildings and grounds leased or owned by the Bureau. Filed by subjects. (Frequently, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 1 ft. 4 in., in drawer of steel filing case. Office. (1038)

AIR NAVIGATION DIVISION  
AIRWAY RADIO STATION  
Administrative Bldg., Airport Road

This agency was established August 22, 1931. It was originally under the supervision of the Bureau of Lighthouses. It occupied several temporary buildings prior to November 1936, when the present quarters were obtained.

4. CORRESPONDENCE, 1934 to date. In connection with inspection reports,



transmittals, property, purchase orders, and equipment. Arranged by subject. (Frequently, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 1 ft. 2 in., in drawer of wooden filing case. Office. (1043)

5. INSTRUCTIONS AND BLUE PRINTS, 1934 to date. Special instructions pertaining to personnel, maintenance, equipment, weather conditions, and reports; and blue prints relative to fields or landings. Arranged by dates. (Frequently, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 1 ft. 8 in., in drawer of wooden filing case. Office. (1044)

6. PROPERTY FILE, 1934 to date. Records of property, cost, requisitions, invoices, surveys, purchase orders, inventories, fuel and lubricants, and other supplies expended. Arranged numerically by mimeograph form key. (Frequently, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 1 ft. 10 in., in drawer of wooden filing case. Office. (1045)

7. VACUUM TUBE RECORD, 1934 to date. Furnishing type of radio tube in use, manufacturer's name, serial number, station, district number, date purchased, hours used, test record, and disposition. Arranged by type. (Frequently, official.) 3 x 5 cards, 6 in., in wooden and in steel desk card files. Office. (1047)

8. PROPERTY RECORD CARDS, Nov. 1936 to date. Record and inventory cards of all government property at station showing receipts, expenditures, and balance on hand. Arranged by class of property. (Frequently, official.) 4 x 6 cards, 1 ft., on wooden filing case. Office. (1046)

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

JACKSON

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
Hall of History  
New State Capitol

This office of the Director of the Department of Archives and History for the State of Mississippi has been used as a depository for census records since 1927. The census records reported under this agency were transferred here from the Bureau of the Census in 1927, due to lack of filing space in the Washington office of the bureau.

9. CENSUS REPORTS OF PRODUCTS OF AGRICULTURE IN MISSISSIPPI, 7th, 8th, 9th FEDERAL CENSUSES, 1850; 1860; 1870. Complete record of each farm and its products, listed under about 50 headings such as: name of owner, agent or manager, acres of land, improved and unimproved, cash value of farm, value of farming implements and machinery, livestock, value of livestock, produce during census year, including separate farm products, dairy products, and homemade manufactures; farms enumerated by districts within each county. See addenda for list of manuscript federal census reports for Mississippi. Arranged alphabetically by counties. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 14 x 18 vols. (6), 1 ft. 6 in., on 2 open wooden shelves. Dirty, damaged by careless handling. Hall of History. (1087)

10. FEDERAL CENSUS REPORTS OF SOCIAL STATISTICS, 1850; 1860; 1870. Show schedule number, name, county, state, date, and signature of enumerator; valuation of real and personal property, annual taxes, colleges, academies, and schools, season and crop, libraries, newspapers, and periodicals, religions, pauperism, crime, and wages. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 14 x 18 vols. (3), 3 in., on open wooden shelf. Damaged by careless handling, dirty, torn, bindings broken. Hall of History. (1092)

11. REPORTS OF DEATHS IN MISSISSIPPI, FROM 7th, 8th, and 9th FEDERAL CENSUSES, 1850; 1860; 1870. Cover deaths in state over period of twelve months, showing name of person who died, age, sex, color, free or slave, marital status, place of birth, parentage, month of death, profession or occupation, disease, cause of death, and number of days of illness. Arranged alphabetically by counties. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 14 x 18 vols. (3), 4 in., on open wooden shelf. Damaged by careless handling, dirty, bindings broken. Hall of History. (1094)

12. FEDERAL CENSUS REPORTS ON PRODUCTS OF INDUSTRY IN MISSISSIPPI, 1860;



1870. Record of products of industry in Mississippi showing name of corporation, company, or individual producing articles to the value of \$500.00 annually, type of business, capital invested, motive power, machines, average number of hands employed, wages, materials used, and annual production. Arranged by counties. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 14 x 18 vols. (2), 2 in., on open wooden shelf. Damaged by careless handling, dirty, torn, bindings broken. Hall of History. (1090)

13. RECAPITULATION OF 9TH FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL CENSUS REPORTS IN MISSISSIPPI, 1870. Totals are given by beats, precincts, townships, or such other subdivisions as were used in enumerating the census. Arranged alphabetically by counties. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 14 x 18 vol., 1 in., on open wooden shelf. Damaged by careless handling, dirty, bindings broken. Hall of History. (1089)

14. FEDERAL CENSUS REPORTS OF MANUFACTURING IN MISSISSIPPI, 1880. Show name of corporation, kind of business, capital, average number of hands employed, wages and hours of labor, months in operation during preceding year, value of material used, value of production, kind of power used in manufacturing, and ten special schedules, including boot and shoe factories, cheese, butter, condensed milk factories, flour and grist mills, salt works, lumber mills, brick yards, tile works, paper mills, coal mines, agricultural implement works, and quarries. Each schedule shows name of company, capital, average number employed, wages and hours of labor, months in operation during year, kind of power used, and detailed questions covering particular type of manufacturing. Arranged alphabetically by counties. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 16 x 22 vol., 4 in., on open wooden shelf. Dirty, bindings broken. Hall of History. (1091)

15. REPORTS OF DEATHS IN MISSISSIPPI, FROM 10TH FEDERAL CENSUS, 1880. Show name, personal description, marital status, place of birth, where father and mother were born, profession, occupation, or trade, month of death, disease and cause of death, how long a resident of county, whether disease was contracted at place of death, name of statement of attending physician. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 16 x 22 vol., 3 in., on open wooden shelf. Damaged by careless handling, dirty. Hall of History. (1095)

16. SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES FOR FEDERAL CENSUS REPORTS OF DEFECTIVE, DEPENDENT, AND DELINQUENT CLASSES, 1880. Show supplemental schedule numbers, county supervisor's district number, enumeration district number, and signature of enumerator; schedules for insane inhabitants, idiots, deaf mutes, blind, homeless children, inhabitants in prison, paupers and indigent inhabitants in institutions, poor houses, asylums, or boarded at public expense in private homes. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 16 x 22 vol., 4 in., on open wooden shelf. Dirty, bindings broken. Hall of History. (1093)

17. 10TH FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL CENSUS REPORTS OF MISSISSIPPI, 1880. Complete record of each farm and its products; shows person who operates farm, tenure, acres of land, improved and unimproved; farm values, including land, fences, buildings, farm implements and machinery; value of

livestock; labor, time and amount paid; estimated value of all products sold, consumed, or on hand; grass lands; livestock purchased, sold, slaughtered, or died; livestock products, poultry, cereals, fiber, sugar, garden products, orchard products, bees, and forest products. Arranged alphabetically by counties. (Seldom, public, for historical reference.) 16 x 22 vols. (8), 2 ft. 4 in., on 3 open wooden shelves. Damaged by careless handling, dirty. Hall of History. (1088)



BUREAU OF FISHERIES

TUPELO

PROPAGATION OF FOOD FISHES DIVISION  
FISH-CULTURAL STATION

This station was established in 1902 by Act of Congress of 1901, with offices in its present location. It was under the supervision of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and when these two departments were separated it remained with the Department of Commerce.

This station accumulates only routine records. No original scientific work is being done here. Routine correspondence, applications for fish, and accounts are destroyed after ten years. Original reports are sent to the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C.

18. APPLICATION FILE, 1903 to date. Duplicate and recent original applications for fish; records or applications are sent to the Washington office as the fish are delivered, or at the end of each year when the file is cleared or closed. Filed alphabetically by delivery points. (Occasionally, official.) 8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  folders, 1 ft. 3 in., in drawer of filing case. Dirty. NE. corner. (4)

19. PERSONNEL, ORDERS, AND PROPOSALS, Jan. 1, 1920 to date. Correspondence concerning personnel, and appointments. (Occasionally, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 12 ft., in drawer of filing case. Dirty. NE. corner. (7)

20. REPORTS, Jan. 1, 1920 to date. On distributions, handling, and brood fish, and stock reports on fishes. (Occasionally, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 4 ft., in drawer of filing case. Dirty. NE. corner. (8)

21. STATION ACCOUNT RECORDS, Jan. 1, 1921 to date. Accounts, allotments, current contracts, requisitions, transportation requests, bills of lading issued, pay roll and travel orders. (Frequently, official.) 10 x 12 envelopes, 12 ft., in drawer of filing case. Dirty. NE. corner. (5)

22. FIELD CORRESPONDENCE, GENERAL, Jan. 1, 1924 to date. Concerning applications for fish; mostly originals. (Occasionally, official.) 10 x 12 folders, 10 ft., in drawer of filing case. Dirty. NE. corner. (6)

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

BILOXI

EIGHTH LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT  
LIGHT STATION 1064  
1036 W. Beach St.

This Light Station, established in 1848, was built by the War Department, turned over to the Navy Department to be put in operation, and is now controlled by the Department of Commerce. It maintained quarters in keeper's residence until the present building was erected in 1881.

The purpose of this station is to aid navigation in this section by caring for ten channel beacons and one lighthouse.

All records have been retained; none has been lost, destroyed, or sent to Washington.

23. DAILY JOURNAL, July 10, 1874 to date. Form 306, daily record of weather and unusual happenings at the station; record is checked and signed by inspector on each visit. (Daily, official.) 9 x 14 vols. (6), 9 in., in drawer of wooden desk. Office. (240)

24. KEEPER'S ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURNS AND RECEIPTS, AND KEEPER'S ANNUAL REQUISITIONS, July 1, 1933 - 1934; Feb. 28, 1935 - 1936. Form 30, perpetual inventory of all supplies for station; two copies made at the end of year, one for keeper and the other for headquarters; when keeper checks out he makes three copies and retains one for himself; Form 36, request of keeper for yearly supplies, made out at end of fiscal year. (Daily, official.) 8 x 10 vols. (7), 4 in., in drawer of wooden desk. Office. (247)

25. DAY BOOK, Mar. 1, 1935 - Dec. 14, 1936. Record of eleven lights, shows the number of batteries used, trips made, bulbs used, light tests and other information pertaining to lights; trips are made to channel lights every four days. (Daily, official.) 7 x 9 vol., 1 in., in drawer of wooden desk. Office. (248)

26. VISITORS' RECORD, Mar. 1935 - Dec. 14, 1936. Daily record of all visitors, giving date of visit, name, and address of each visitor. (Daily, official.) 9 x 14 vol., 2 in., on open wooden shelf. Entrance. (239)





