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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the Department of Education, Division of Library and Archives, 1923-1932, consist of correspondence, legislation, publications, clippings and reports regarding archaeology and donations to the State Museum.

The administration of P.E. Cox, Keeper of the Archives and Museum and State Archaeologist, is amply documented. Although, the State Museum was not officially created by the legislature until 1937 (Chapter 285), Cox coordinated an effort with the Department of Agriculture and Education to procure artifacts of archaeological value and to provide adequate facilities.

An index has been prepared to assist the researcher in locating information about significant finds, locations, other topics pertinent to the study of archaeology, and donations to the State Museum. Donations comprise the bulk of the museum correspondence.

Subsequent to his appointment as State Archaeologist in 1924, Cox attempted to locate sites of archaeological value. The correspondence contains accounts of finds in the State, such as Indian burial mounds, caves, skeletons and artifacts.

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