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The Virginia State Library, Archives Branch, has adopted a collection development policy which was formally approved by its library board. The policy statement codifies the branch's long-standing collecting guidelines. The archives attempts to preserve all Virginia state and local government records deemed to be useful for historical research or to have legal, fiscal, or administrative value. The branch also collects selected private papers, such as business, church, organization, and cemetery records, maps dating from before 1900, personal papers, genealogical notes and charts, and family records from Bibles.

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), Andover, Massachusetts, has received a grant from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to produce an administrative manual for preservation microfilming programs. It will interpret existing technical standards, describe recommended procedures, and provide advice on both administrative and production aspects of preservation microfilming. The project is also supported by a partnership with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), which is funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
The following grants have been recently awarded to archives in the Southeast from the NHPRC:

The University of Tennessee at Martin received up to $3,000 for consultation to develop an archives and records management program for the school, the major state university in northwest Tennessee.

The City of Mobile, Alabama received $33,700 to arrange and describe the 3,000 cubic feet of archival records (records date from 1815 to the present) held in the Mobile Municipal Archives.

Research Libraries Group, Inc., Stanford, California, received a partial matching grant of $293,278 for a two-year project to create a national data base of public records information, which includes the holdings of the state archives of Alabama and six other state archives around the country.

Georgia Department of Archives and History received $405,196 in matching grant for a statewide local governmental records program, which will gather basic information about Georgia's 159 counties.

Floyd County (Georgia) Board of Education received $20,500 in matching grant to complete an inventory of records, review microfilming practices, and prepare a general finding aid to permanently valuable papers.

Troup County (Georgia) Historical Society and Archives received a two-year grant (depending on congressional funding) to expand their holdings of LaGrange and Troup County records.

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The Office of Museum Programs of the Smithsonian Institution with the Virginia Association of Museums
announced a new series of museum professional development workshops to be held throughout Virginia in early 1986. The workshops will include topics such as paper and photograph conservation, photographic methods for museum personnel, the legal aspects of collections management, and board and staff relations. Enrollment is limited. Contact Patricia Barrows, On-site Workshop Program, Office of Museum Programs, Arts and Industries 2235, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560

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The National Association of State Archives and Records Administrators (NASARA) elected last year to change its name in order to broaden its focus and include local governmental administrators. The new organization is known as the National Association of Government and Records Administrators (NAGARA). To reflect the new area of interest NAGARA will prepare workshops and publications on local governmental records. To join the new organization, write Bruce Dearstyne, NAGARA, executive secretary, New York State Archives, Room 10-A-75, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230.

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The following National Endowment for the Humanities grants were awarded earlier in the year to archival institutions in the Southeast:

Alabama Department of Archives and History received $150,000 outright, plus an offer of $13,501 in matching funds, to support the arrangement and description of 4,000 cubic feet of manuscript collections and the preparation of a guide.
University of New Orleans received $79,757 to support the preservation and dissemination by microfilm of the Louisiana Supreme Court's fragile manuscript case files, 1813-1861.

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In October 1985, the Special Collections Department of the University of Kentucky Libraries received a one-year grant for $142,000 from the U.S. Department of Education Title II Program to enter records into OCLC's on-line bibliographic data base and to work with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in preserving the University of Kentucky's eighteenth and nineteenth century collections of twenty-five items or less.

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The following NHPRC grants were awarded earlier in the year:

University of Florida, Gainesville received $85,814 for a two-year project to establish a university archives and records management program.

Florida Department for Libraries and Archives, Division of Archives, History and Records Management received up to $3,000 for a consultant to plan a statewide program to care for local governmental records.