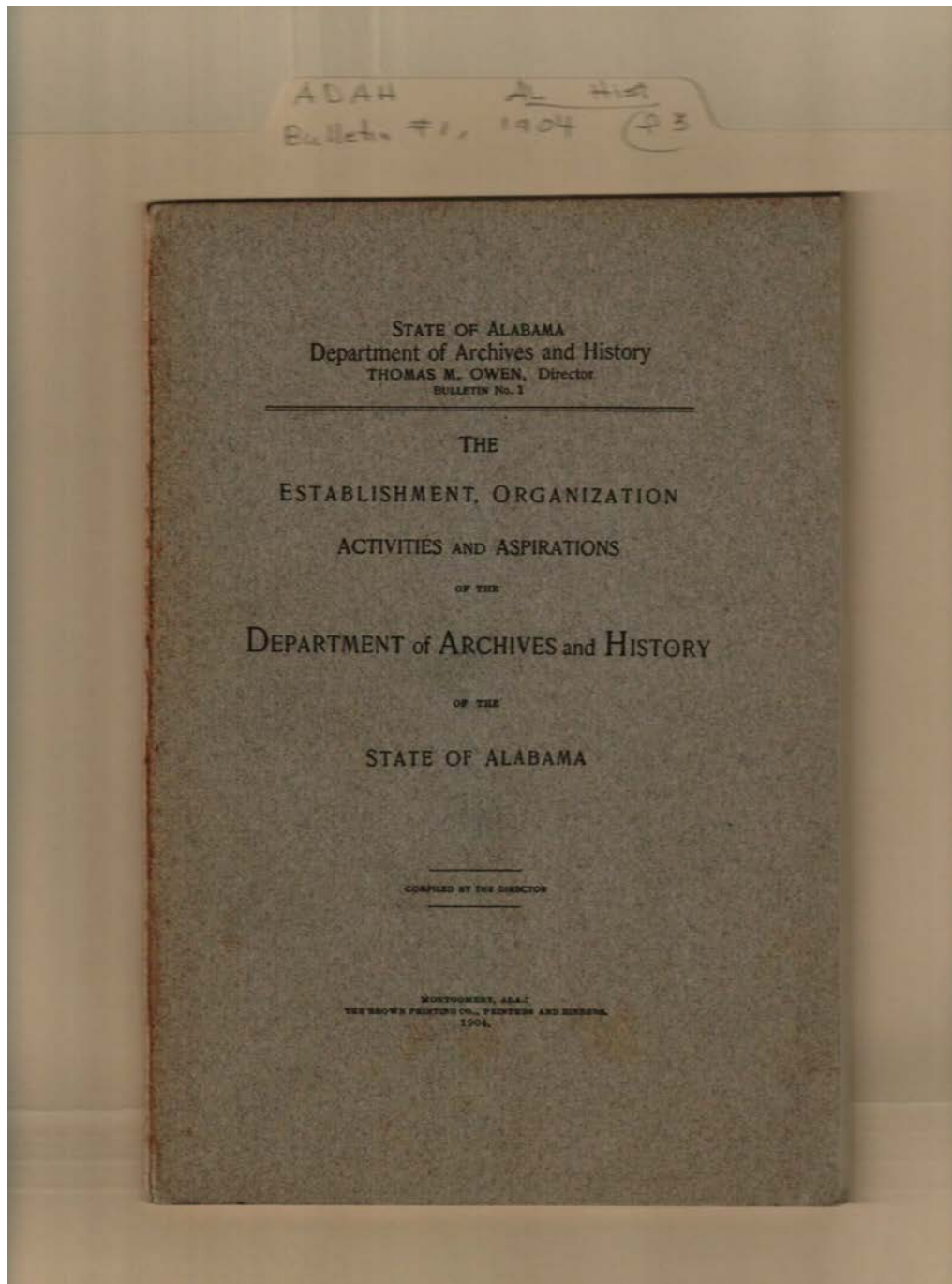


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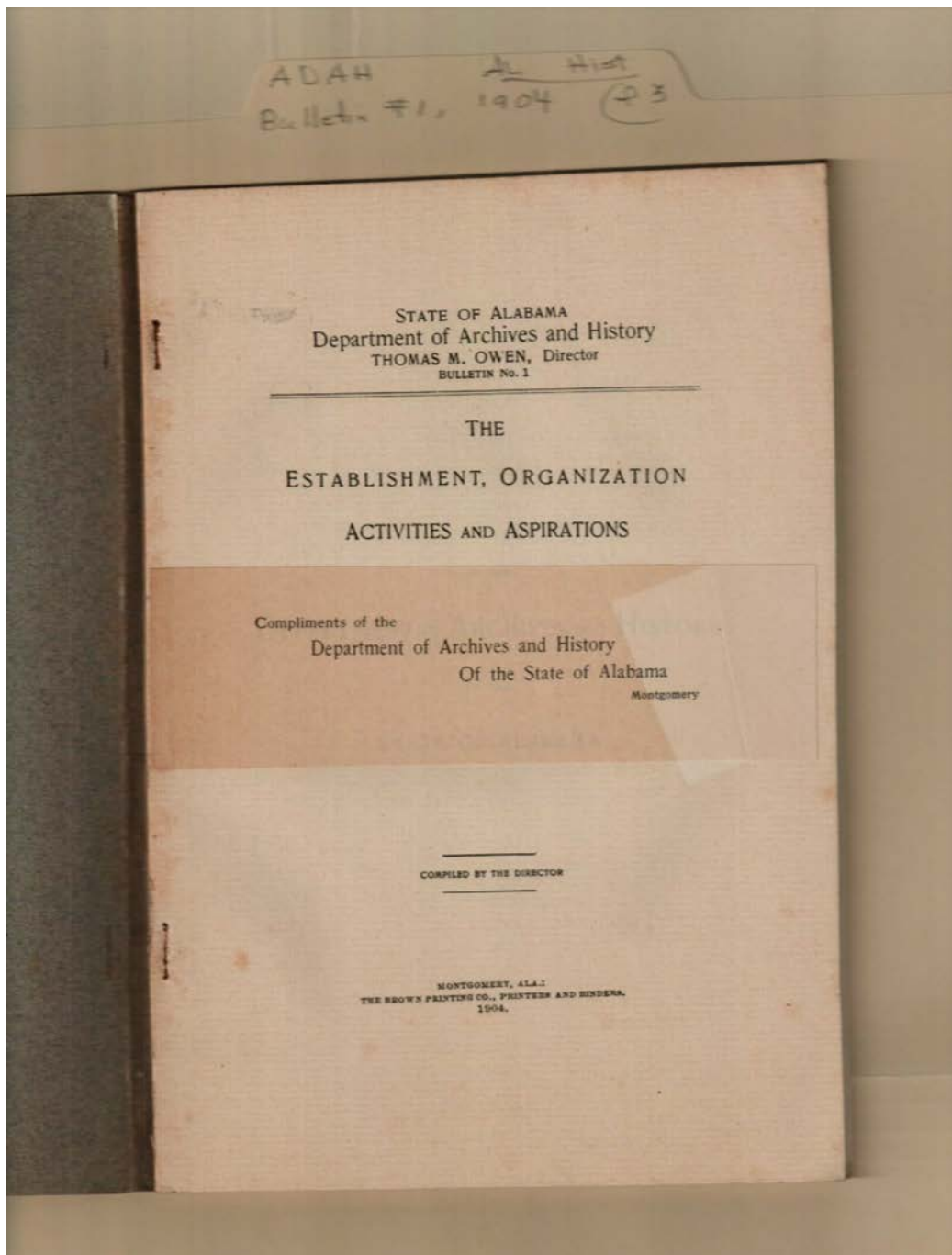
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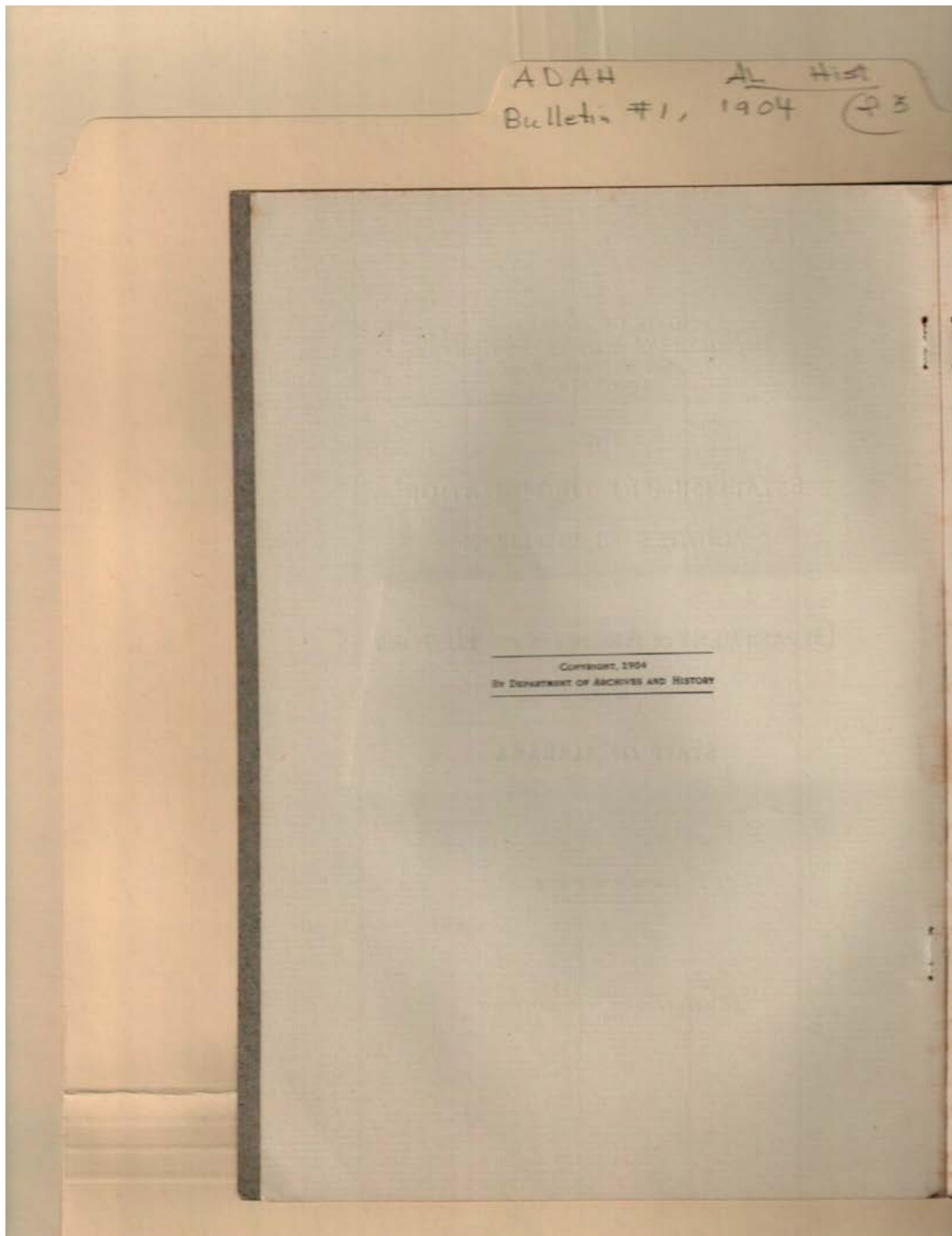
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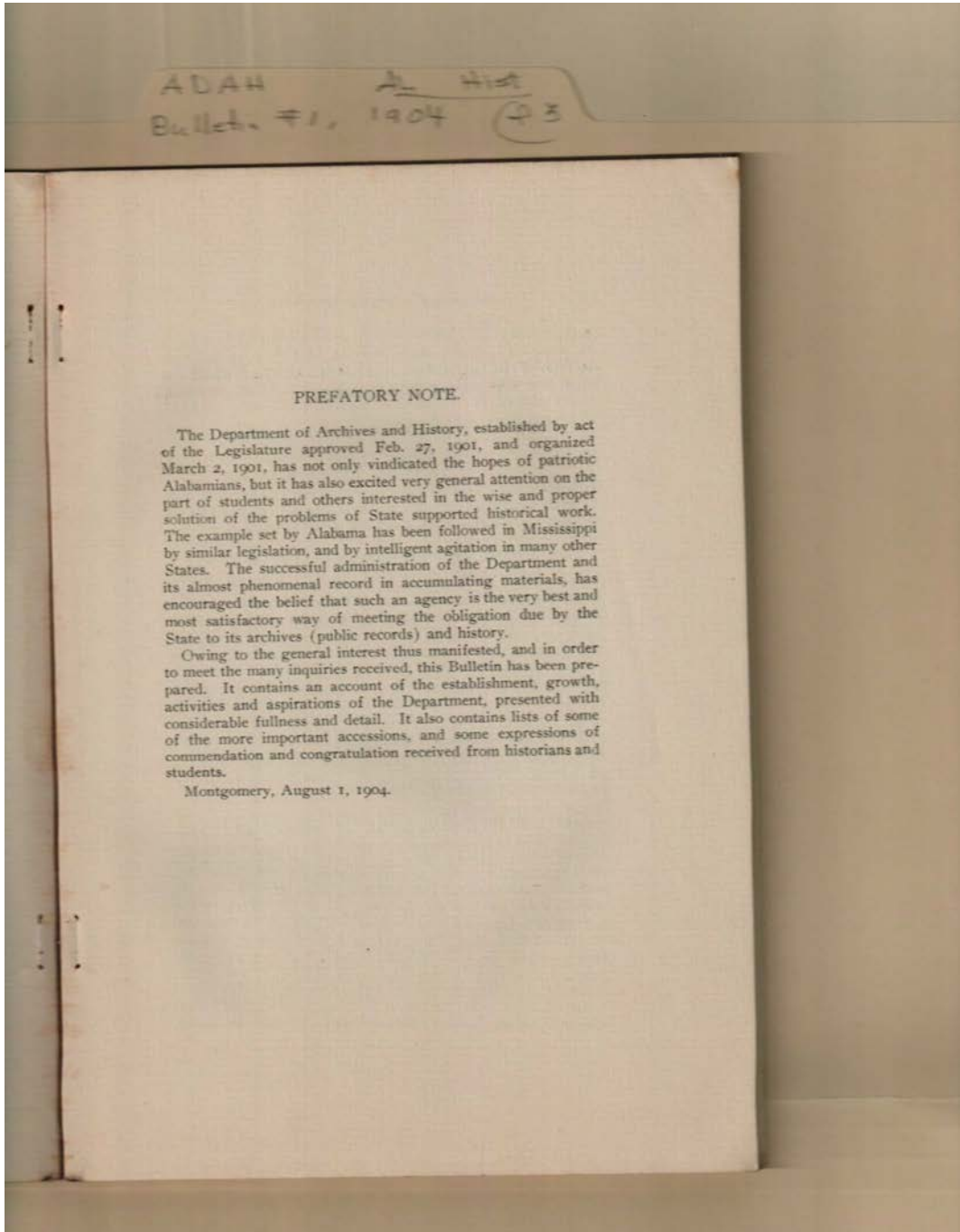
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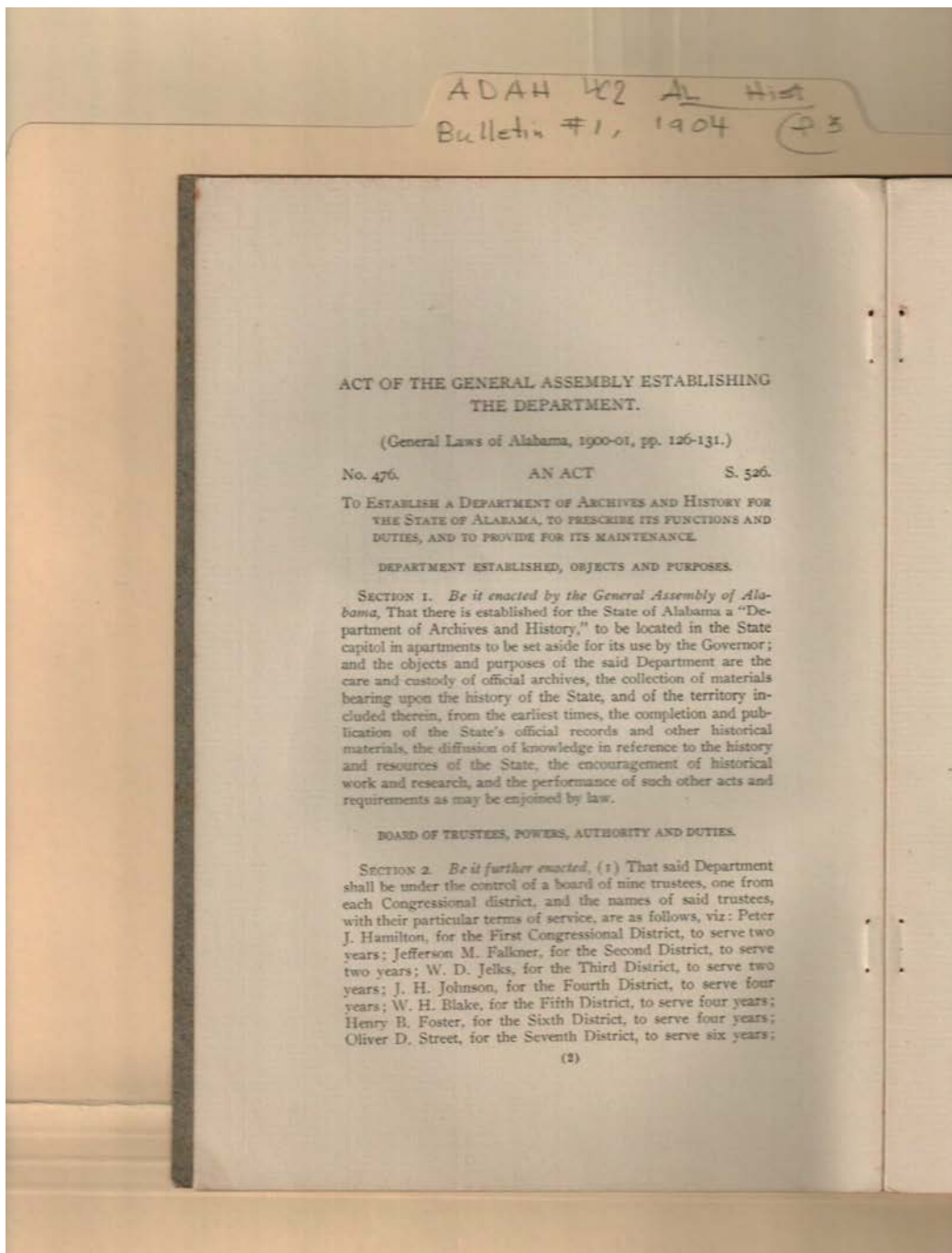
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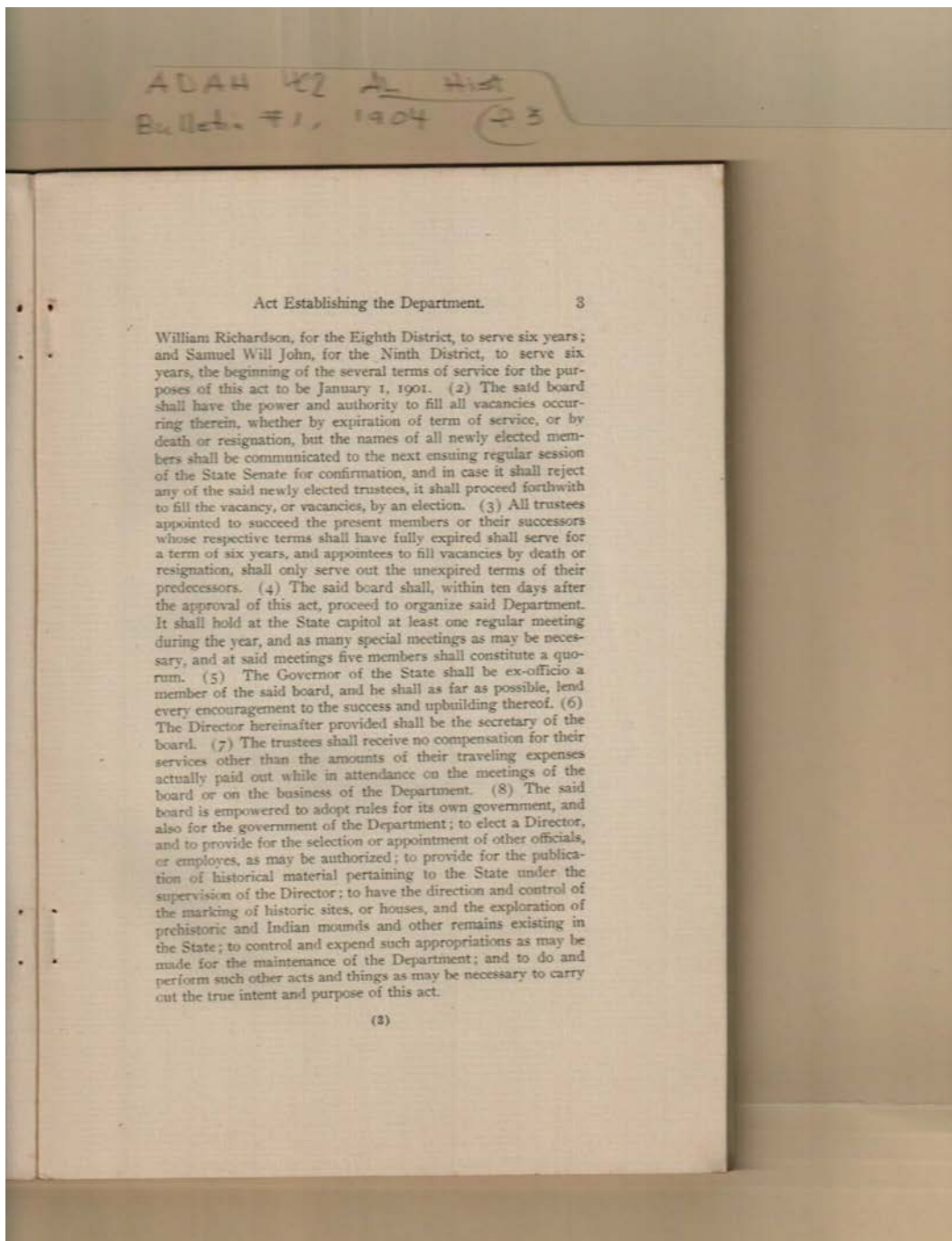
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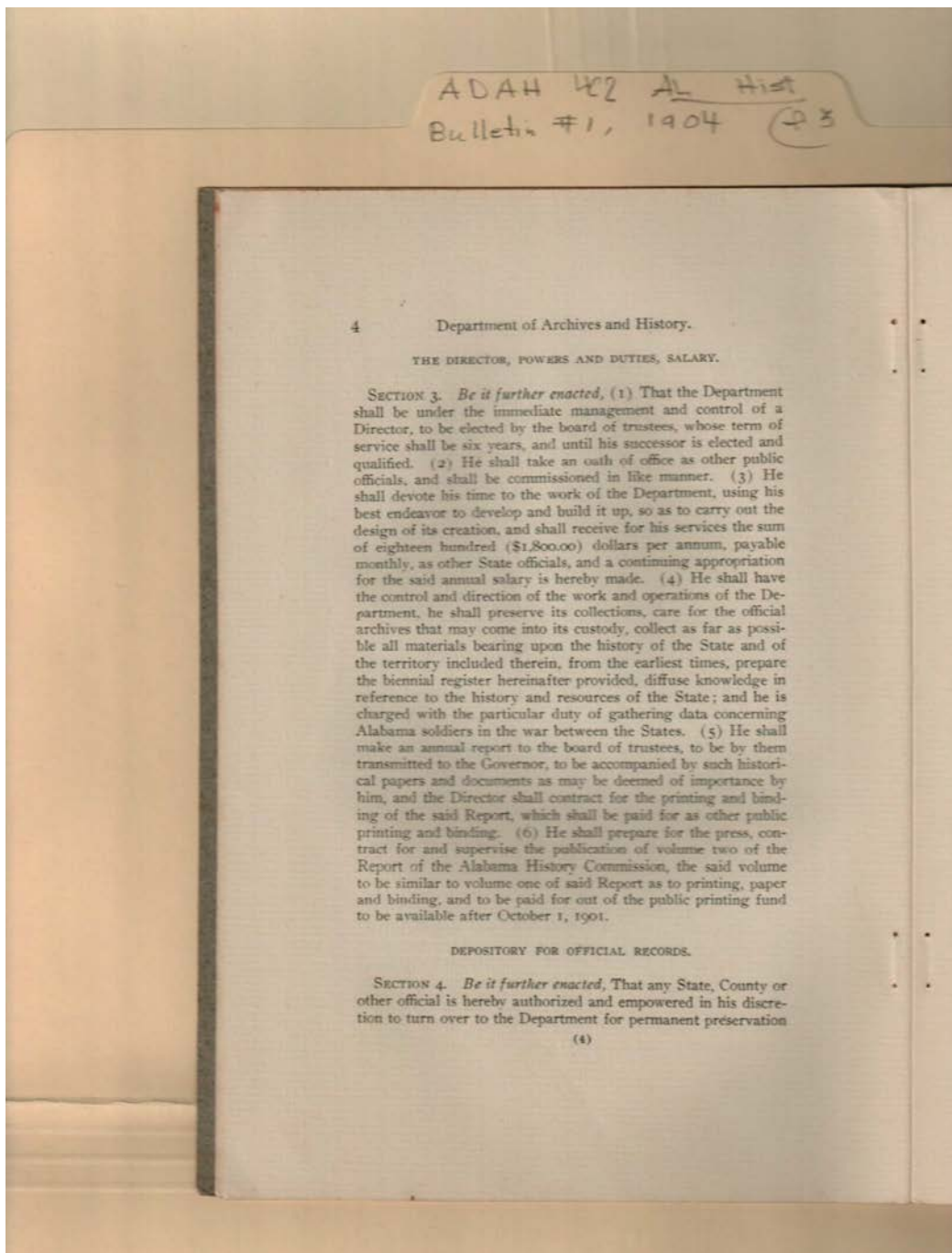
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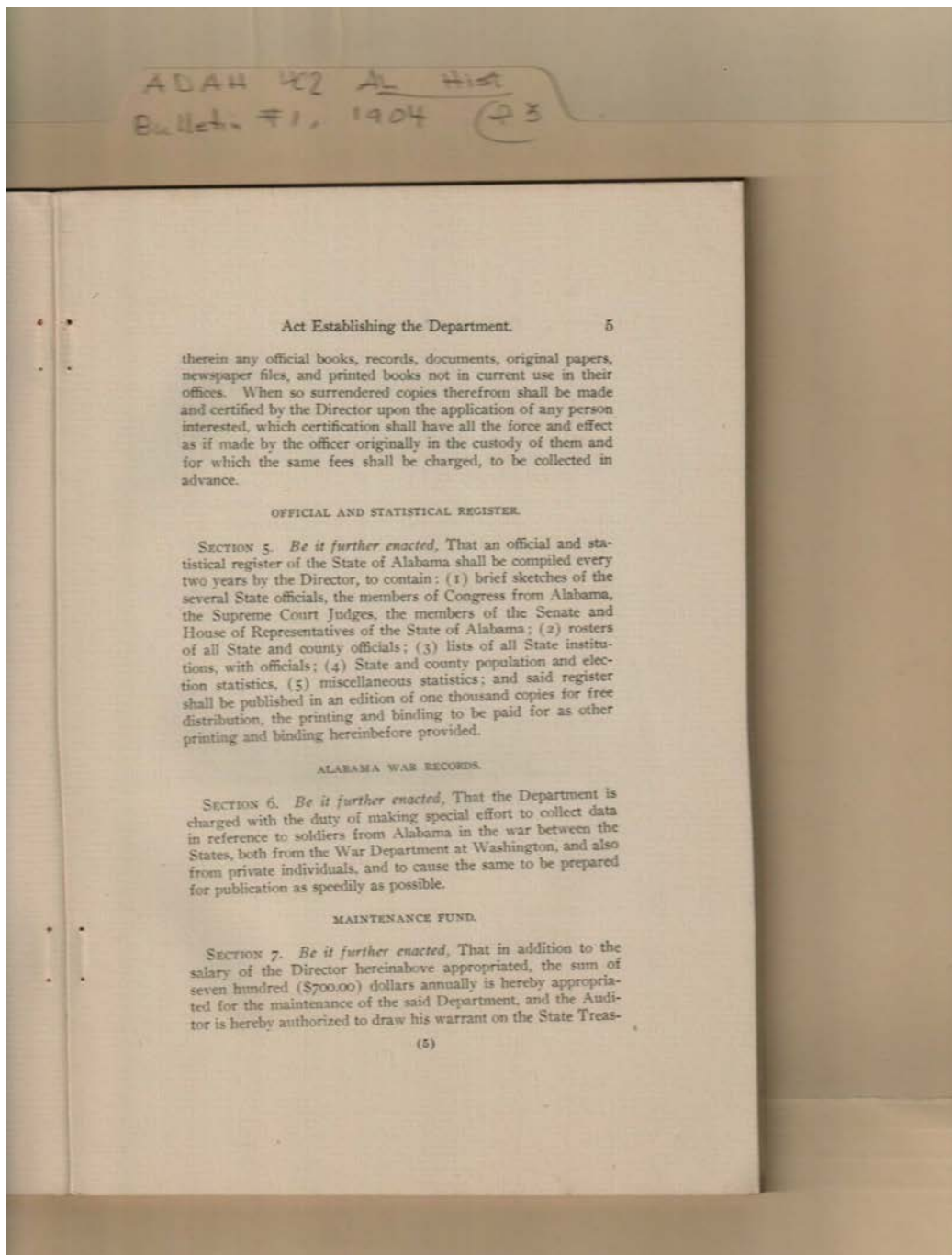
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therein any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, and printed books not in current use in their offices. When so surrendered copies therefrom shall be made and certified by the Director upon the application of any person interested, which certification shall have all the force and effect as if made by the officer originally in the custody of them and for which the same fees shall be charged, to be collected in advance.

OFFICIAL AND STATISTICAL REGISTER.

SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted*, That an official and statistical register of the State of Alabama shall be compiled every two years by the Director, to contain: (1) brief sketches of the several State officials, the members of Congress from Alabama, the Supreme Court Judges, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama; (2) rosters of all State and county officials; (3) lists of all State institutions, with officials; (4) State and county population and election statistics, (5) miscellaneous statistics; and said register shall be published in an edition of one thousand copies for free distribution, the printing and binding to be paid for as other printing and binding hereinbefore provided.

ALABAMA WAR RECORDS.

SECTION 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Department is charged with the duty of making special effort to collect data in reference to soldiers from Alabama in the war between the States, both from the War Department at Washington, and also from private individuals, and to cause the same to be prepared for publication as speedily as possible.

MAINTENANCE FUND.

SECTION 7. *Be it further enacted*, That in addition to the salary of the Director hereinabove appropriated, the sum of seven hundred (\$700.00) dollars annually is hereby appropriated for the maintenance of the said Department, and the Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the State Treas-

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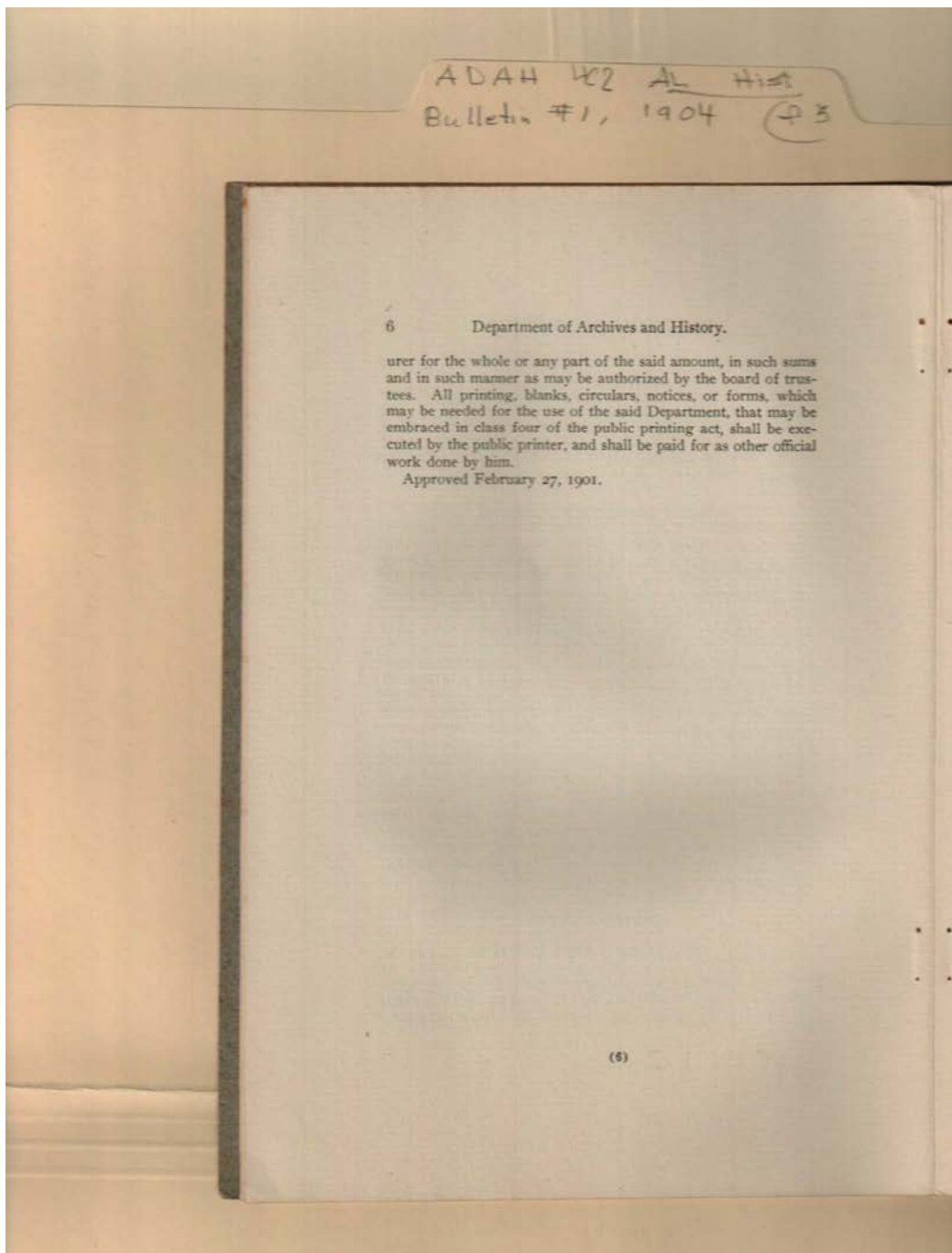
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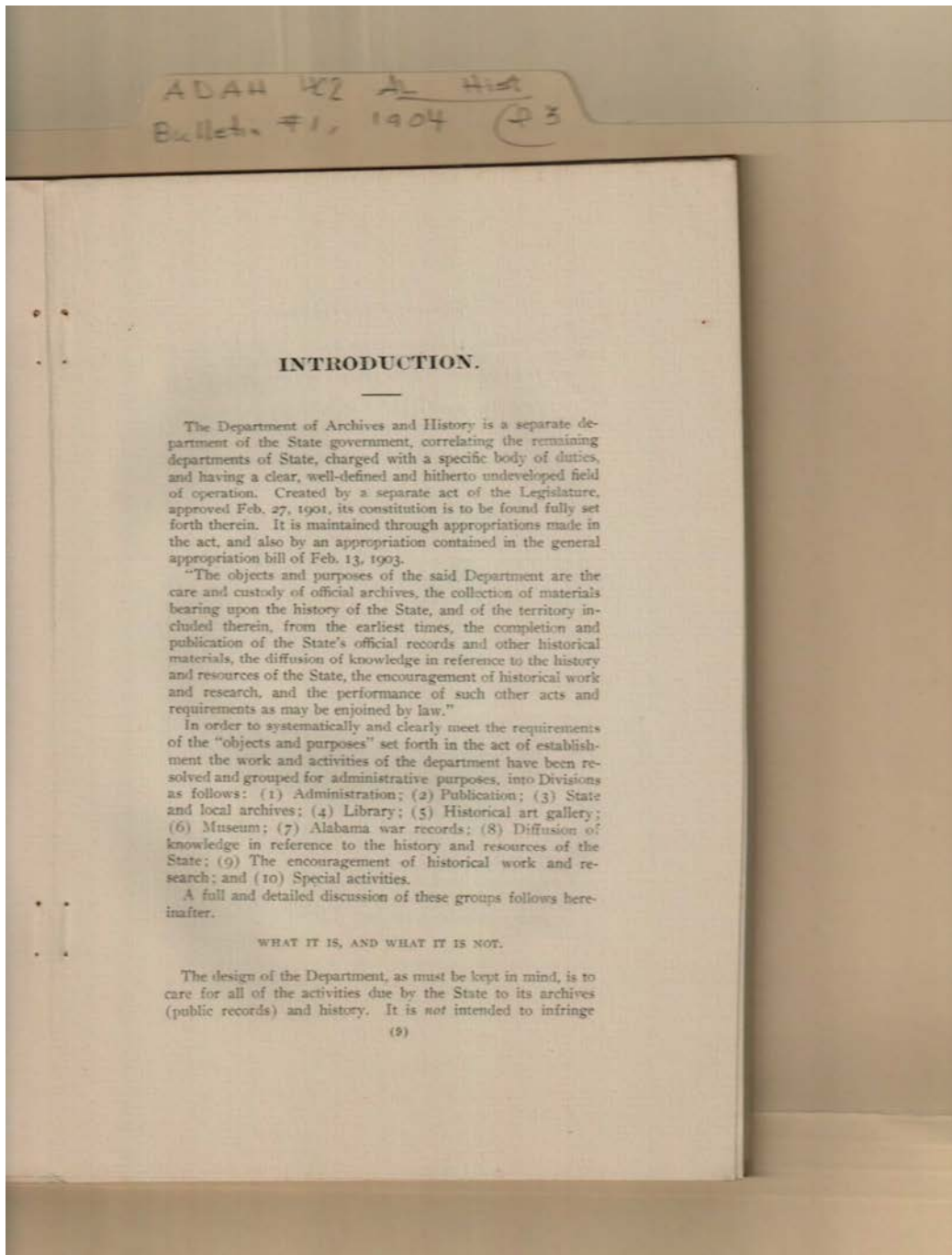
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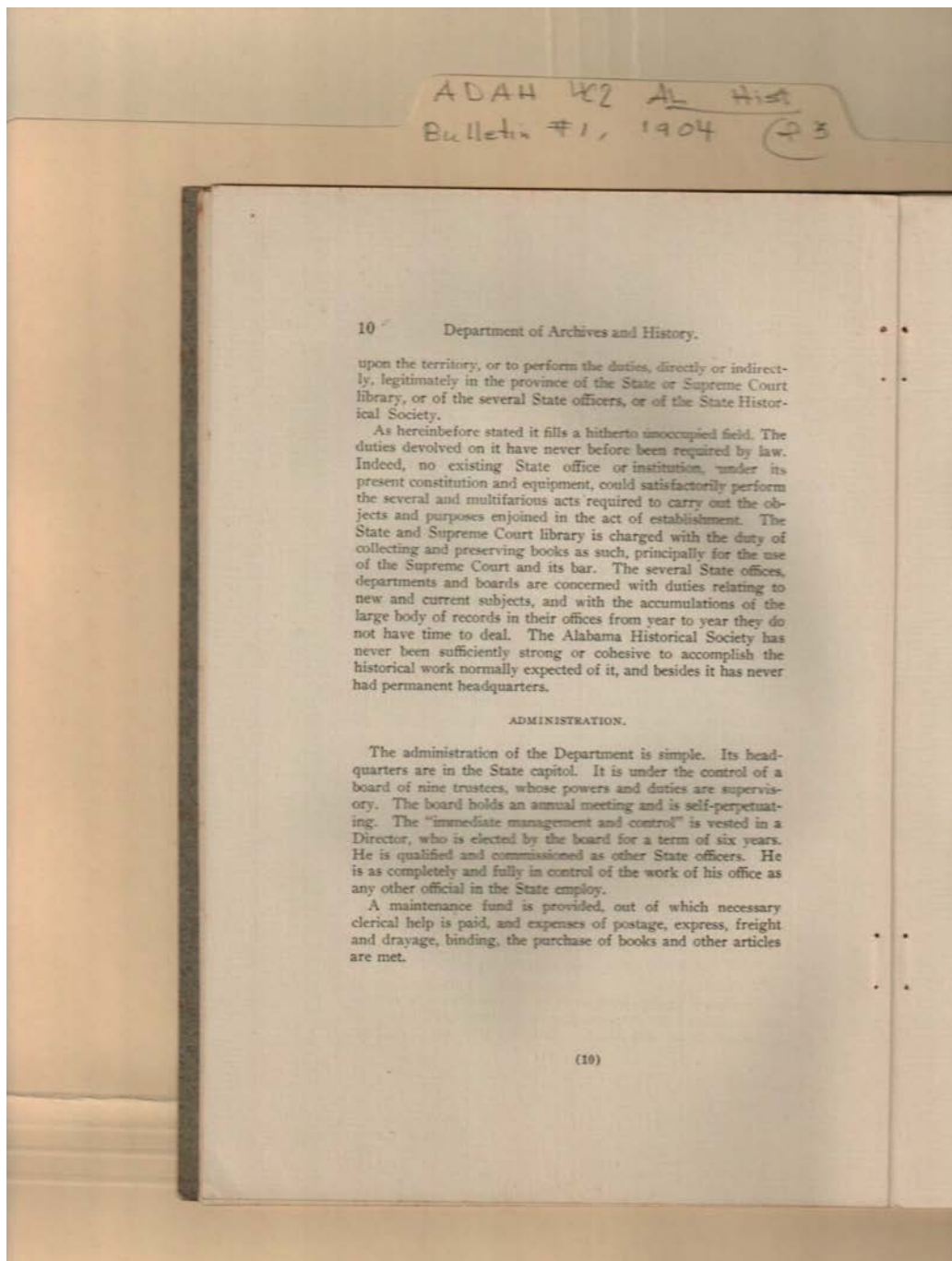


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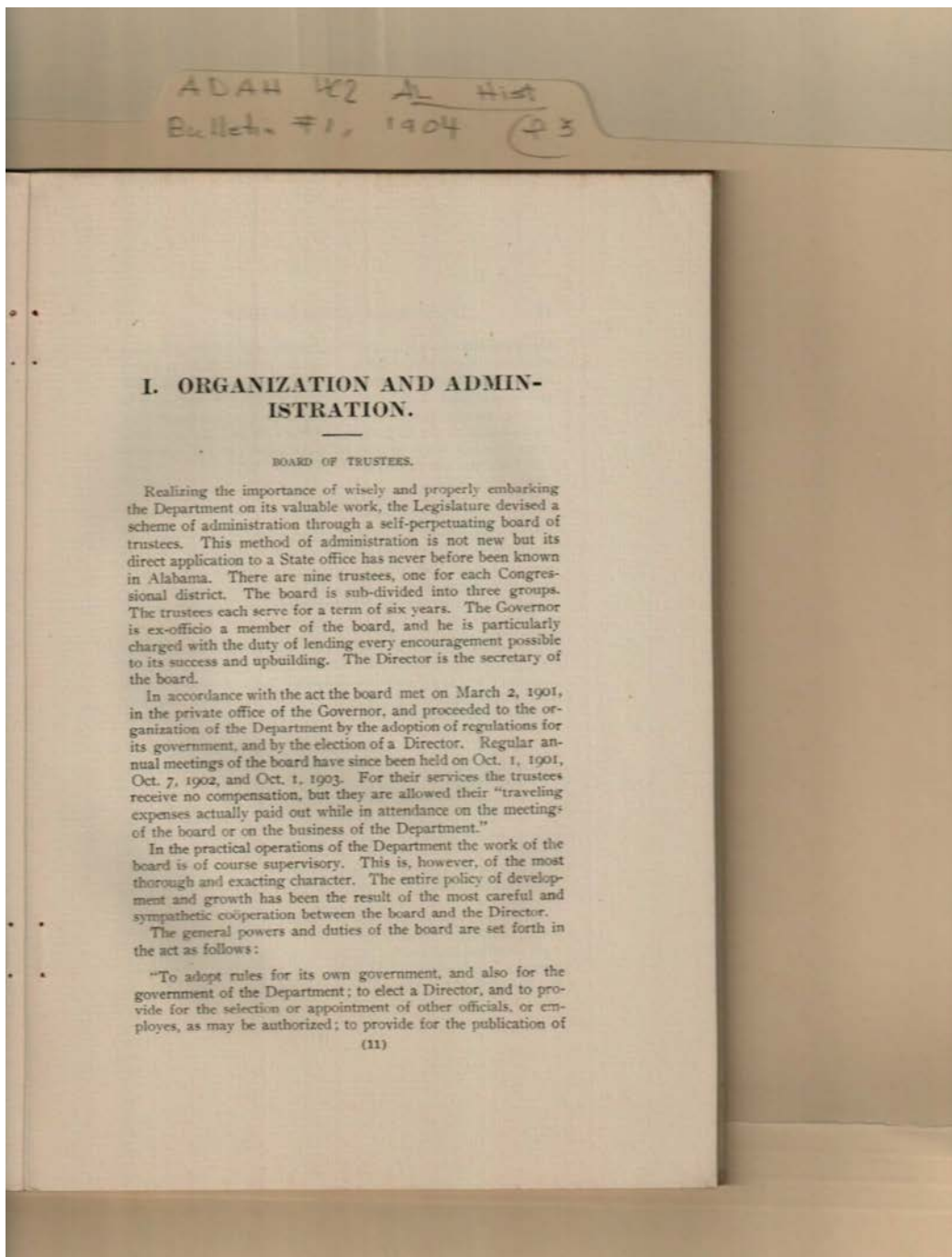


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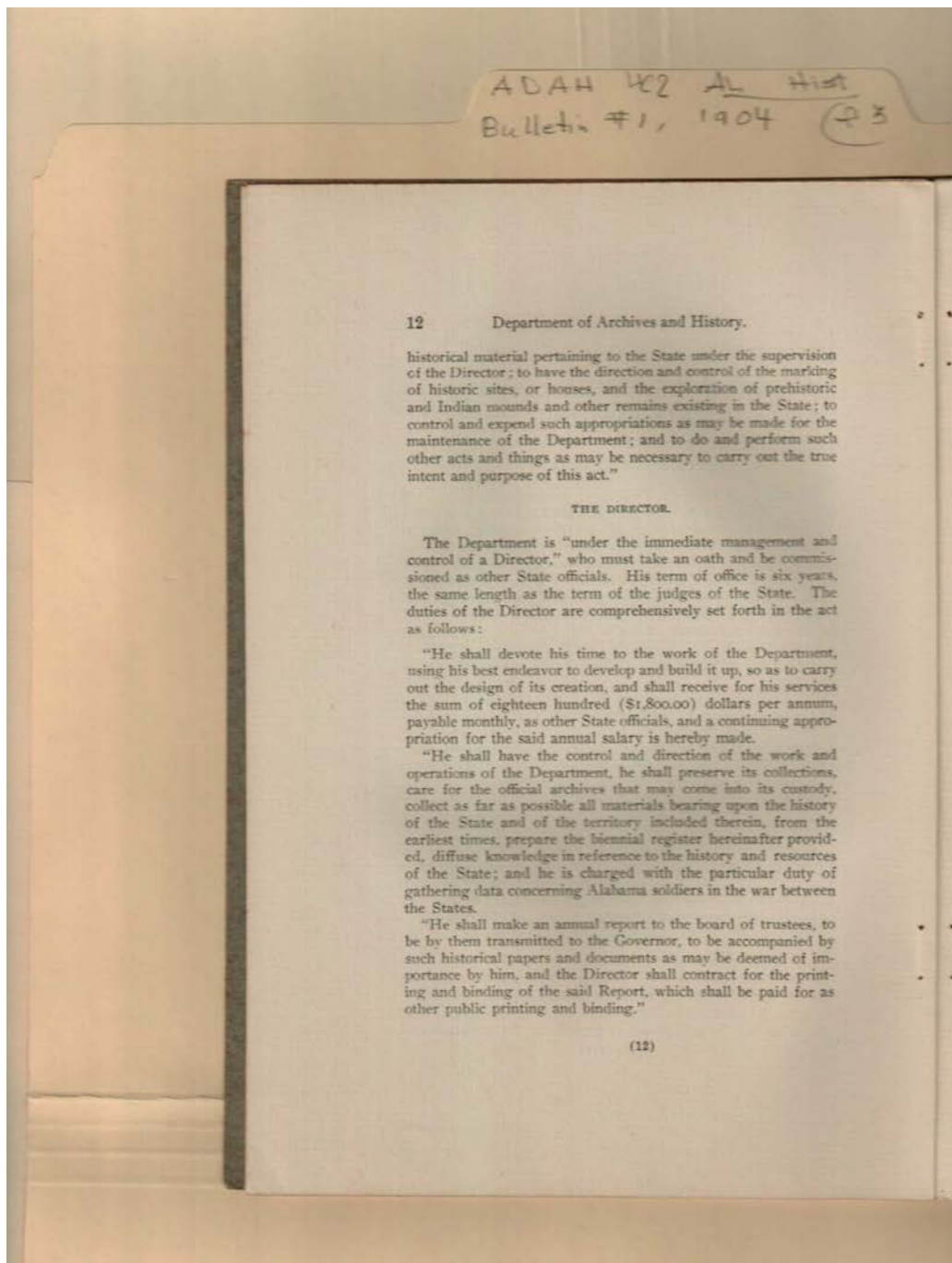


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historical material pertaining to the State under the supervision of the Director; to have the direction and control of the marking of historic sites, or houses, and the exploration of prehistoric and Indian mounds and other remains existing in the State; to control and expend such appropriations as may be made for the maintenance of the Department; and to do and perform such other acts and things as may be necessary to carry out the true intent and purpose of this act."

THE DIRECTOR.

The Department is "under the immediate management and control of a Director," who must take an oath and be commissioned as other State officials. His term of office is six years, the same length as the term of the judges of the State. The duties of the Director are comprehensively set forth in the act as follows:

"He shall devote his time to the work of the Department, using his best endeavor to develop and build it up, so as to carry out the design of its creation, and shall receive for his services the sum of eighteen hundred (\$1,800.00) dollars per annum, payable monthly, as other State officials, and a continuing appropriation for the said annual salary is hereby made.

"He shall have the control and direction of the work and operations of the Department, he shall preserve its collections, care for the official archives that may come into its custody, collect as far as possible all materials bearing upon the history of the State and of the territory included therein, from the earliest times, prepare the biennial register hereinafter provided, diffuse knowledge in reference to the history and resources of the State; and he is charged with the particular duty of gathering data concerning Alabama soldiers in the war between the States.

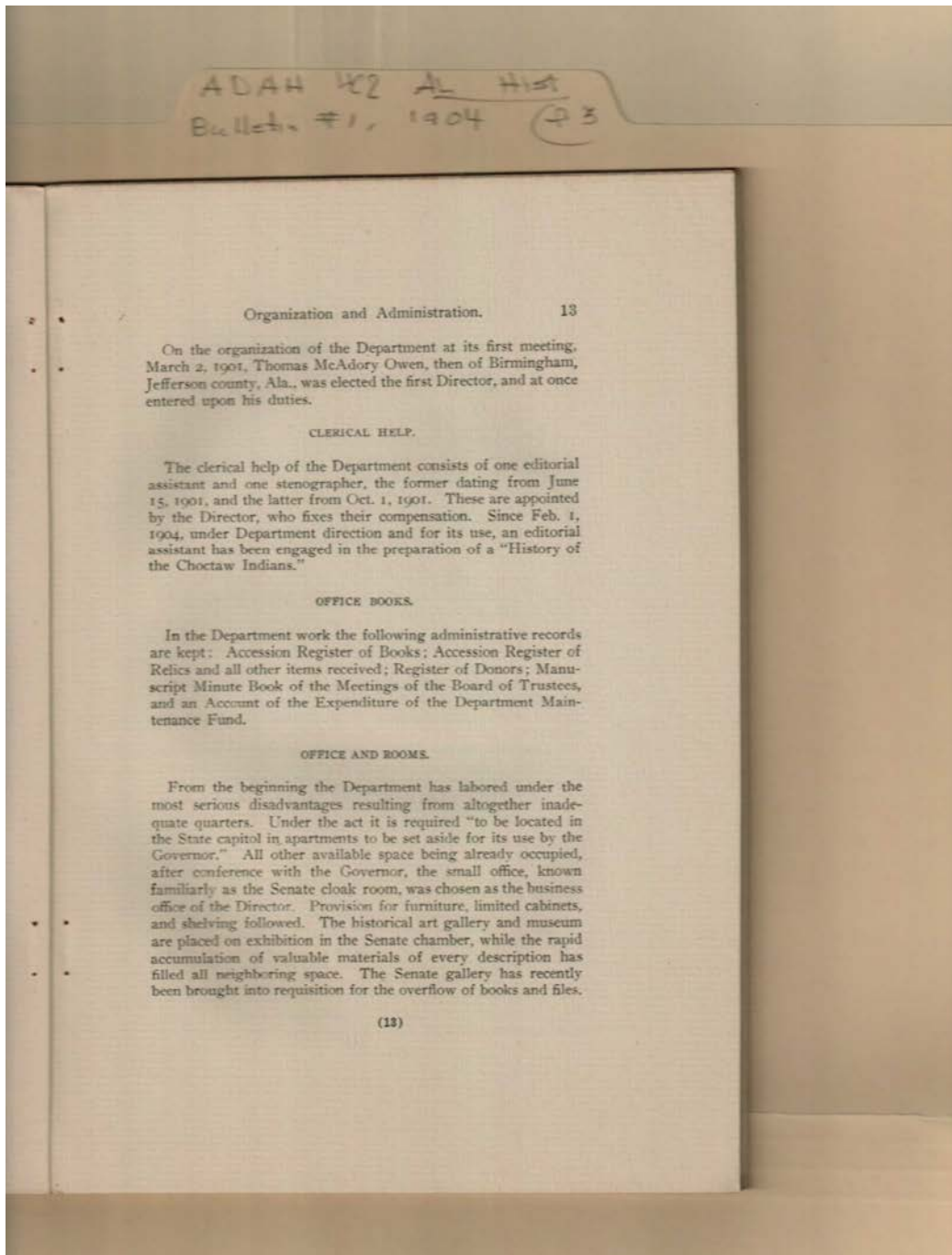
"He shall make an annual report to the board of trustees, to be by them transmitted to the Governor, to be accompanied by such historical papers and documents as may be deemed of importance by him, and the Director shall contract for the printing and binding of the said Report, which shall be paid for as other public printing and binding."

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Department Director

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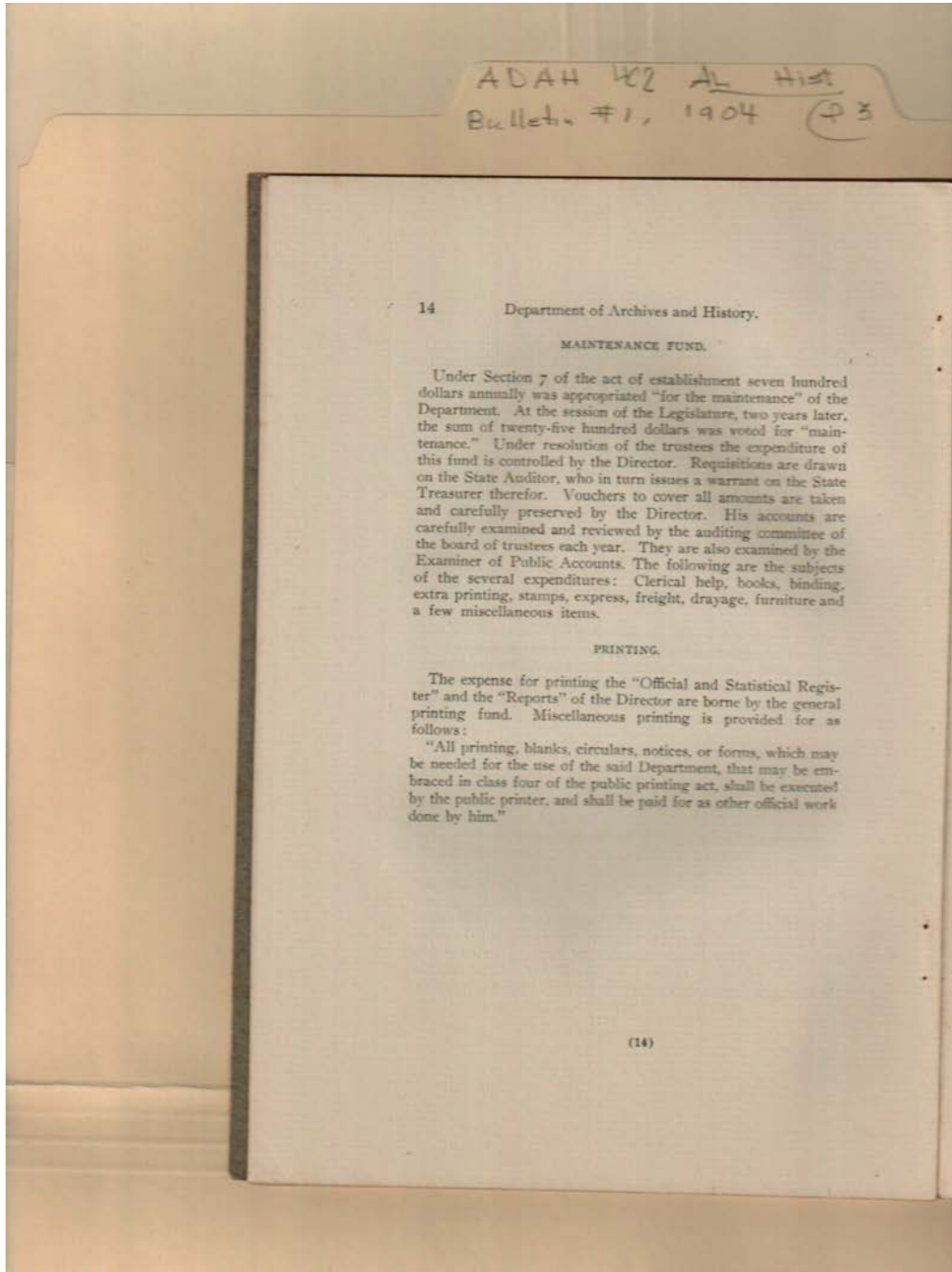


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MAINTENANCE FUND.

Under Section 7 of the act of establishment seven hundred dollars annually was appropriated "for the maintenance" of the Department. At the session of the Legislature, two years later, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars was voted for "maintenance." Under resolution of the trustees the expenditure of this fund is controlled by the Director. Requisitions are drawn on the State Auditor, who in turn issues a warrant on the State Treasurer therefor. Vouchers to cover all amounts are taken and carefully preserved by the Director. His accounts are carefully examined and reviewed by the auditing committee of the board of trustees each year. They are also examined by the Examiner of Public Accounts. The following are the subjects of the several expenditures: Clerical help, books, binding, extra printing, stamps, express, freight, drayage, furniture and a few miscellaneous items.

PRINTING.

The expense for printing the "Official and Statistical Register" and the "Reports" of the Director are borne by the general printing fund. Miscellaneous printing is provided for as follows:

"All printing, blanks, circulars, notices, or forms, which may be needed for the use of the said Department, that may be embraced in class four of the public printing act, shall be executed by the public printer, and shall be paid for as other official work done by him."

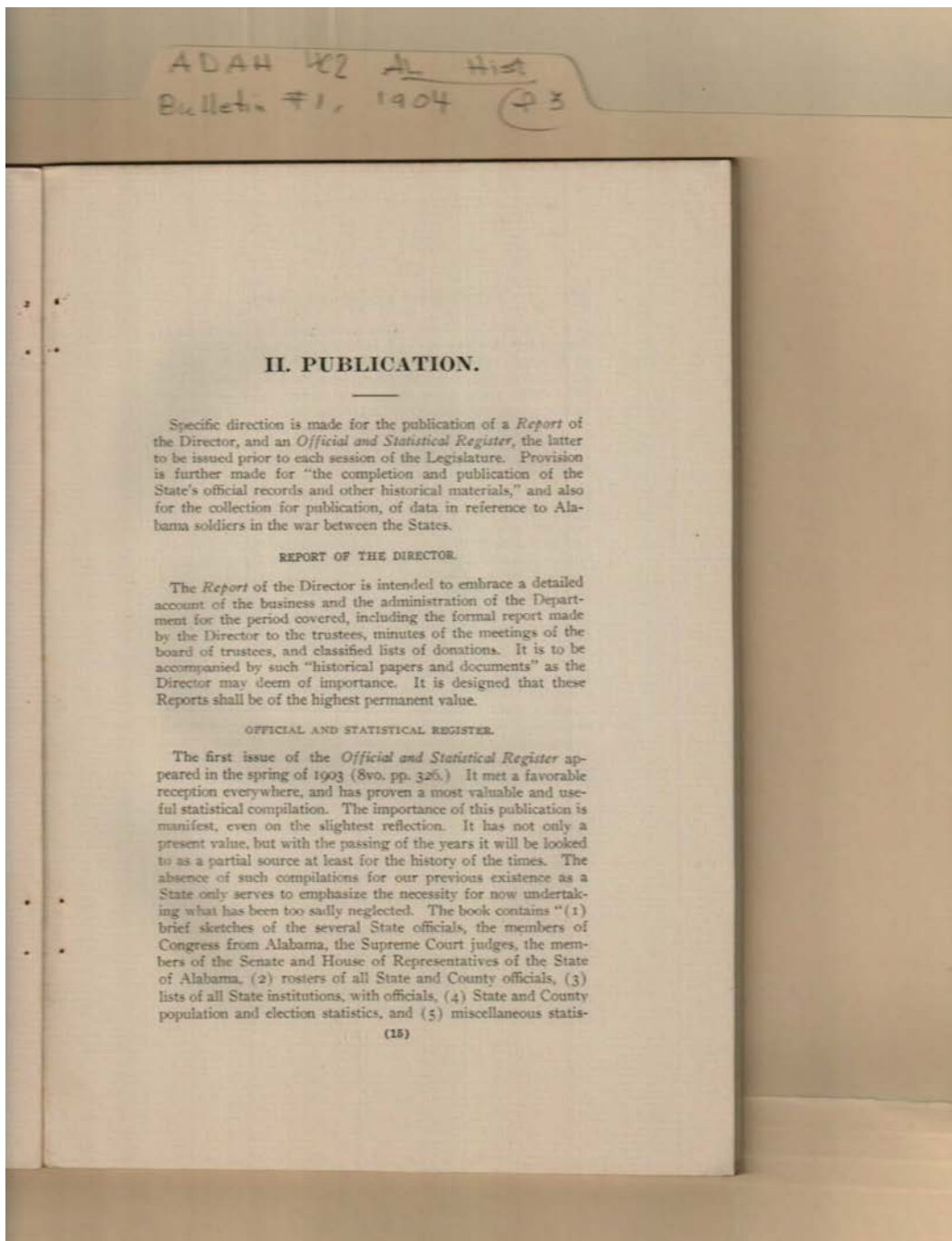
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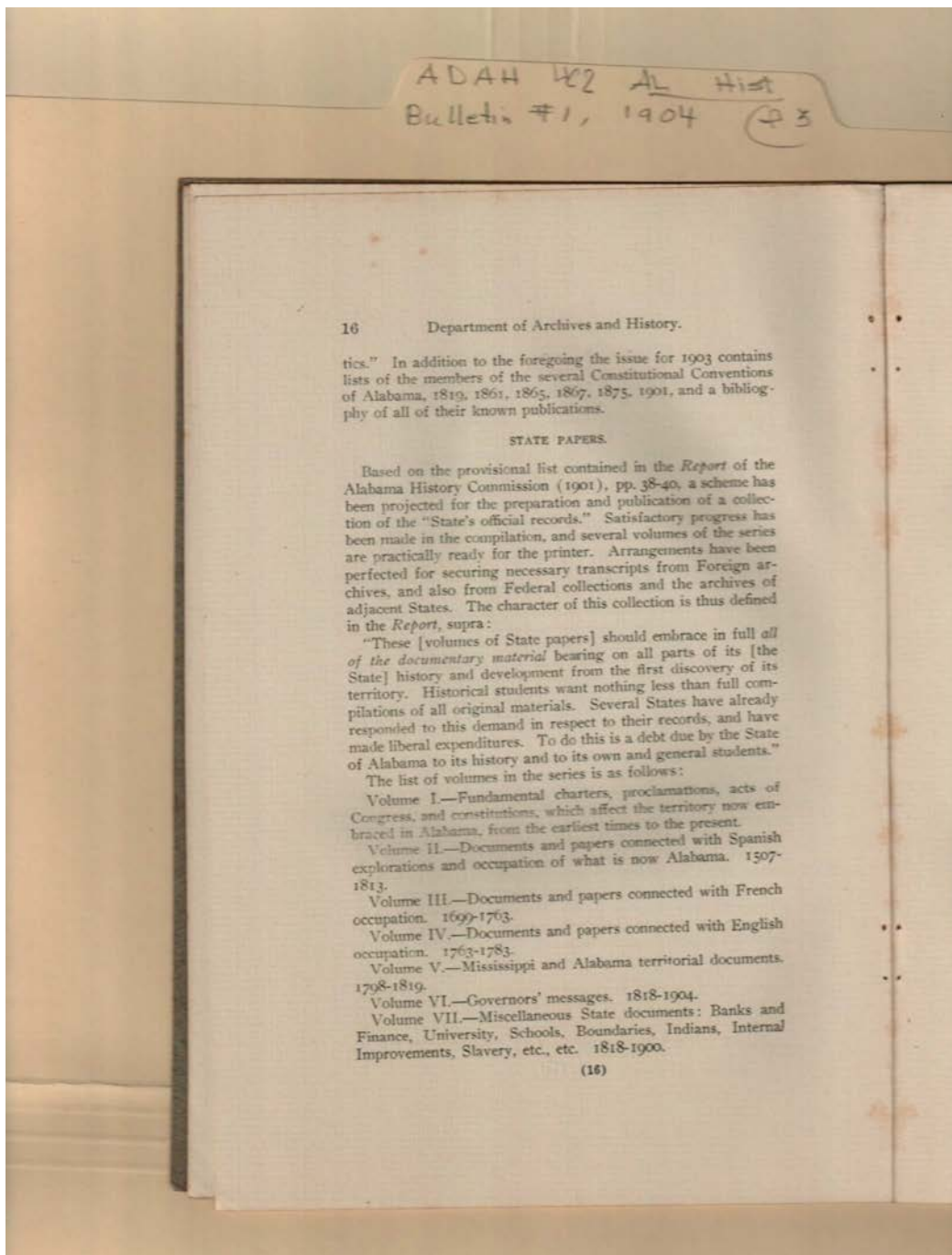


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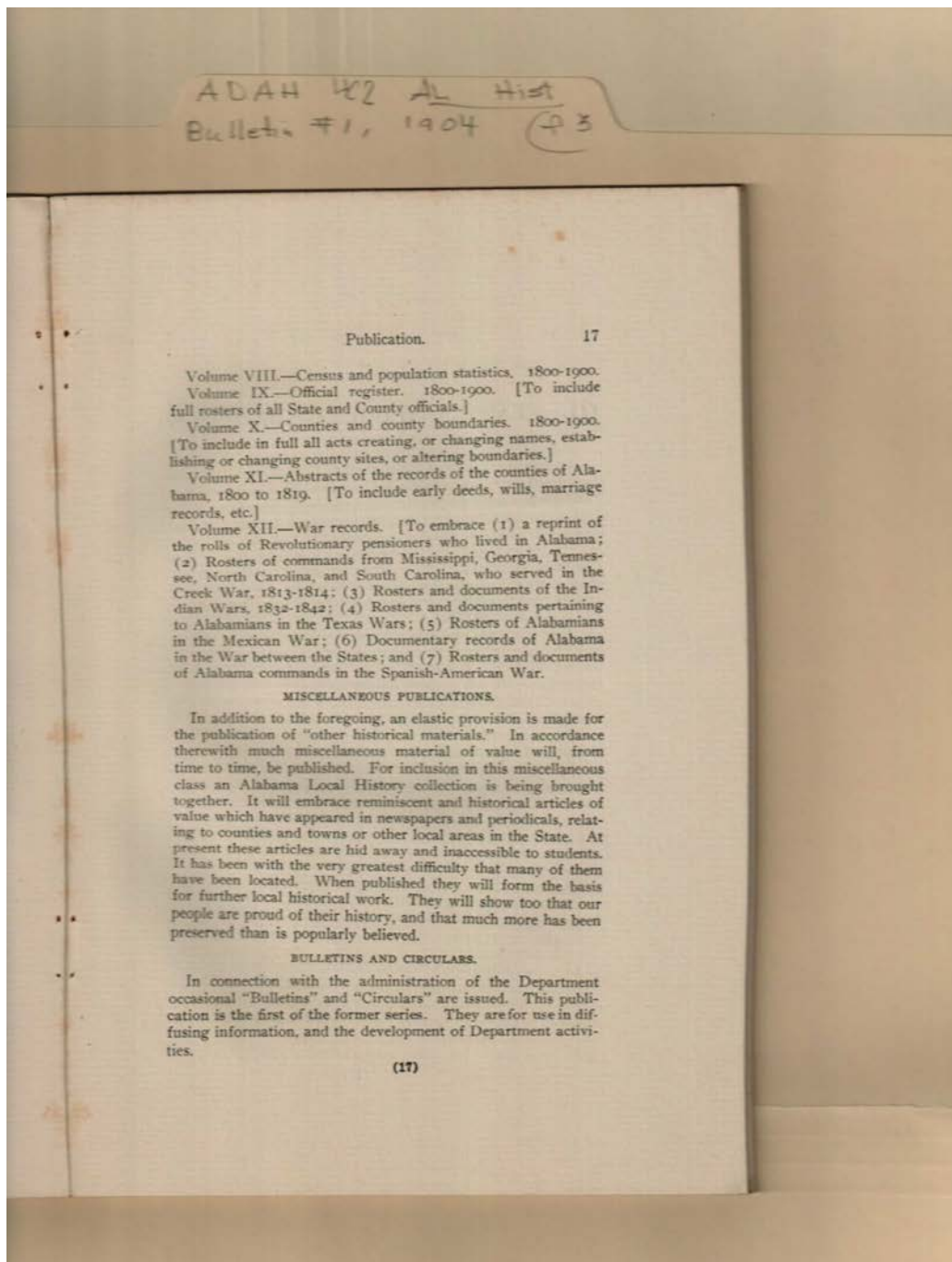
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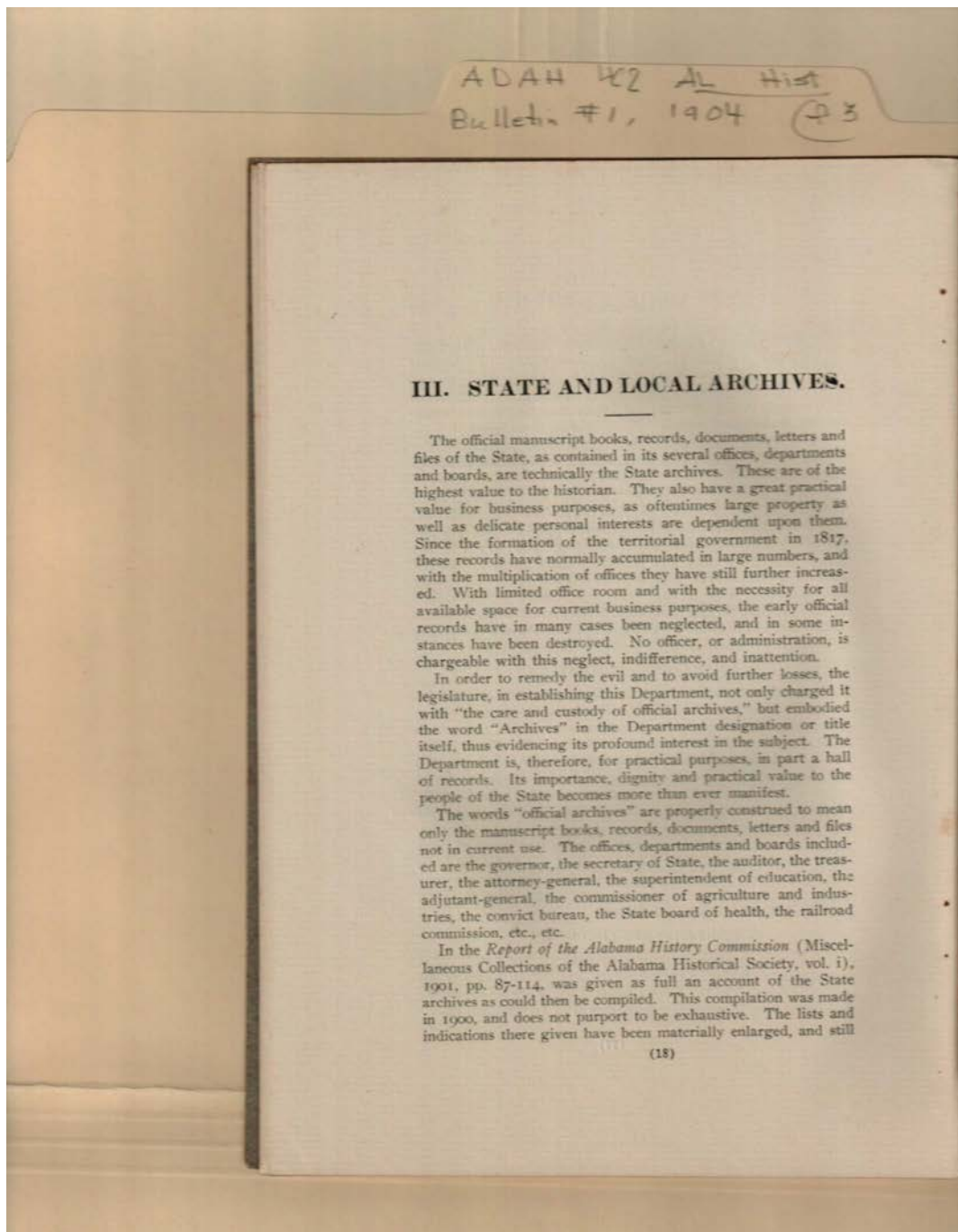


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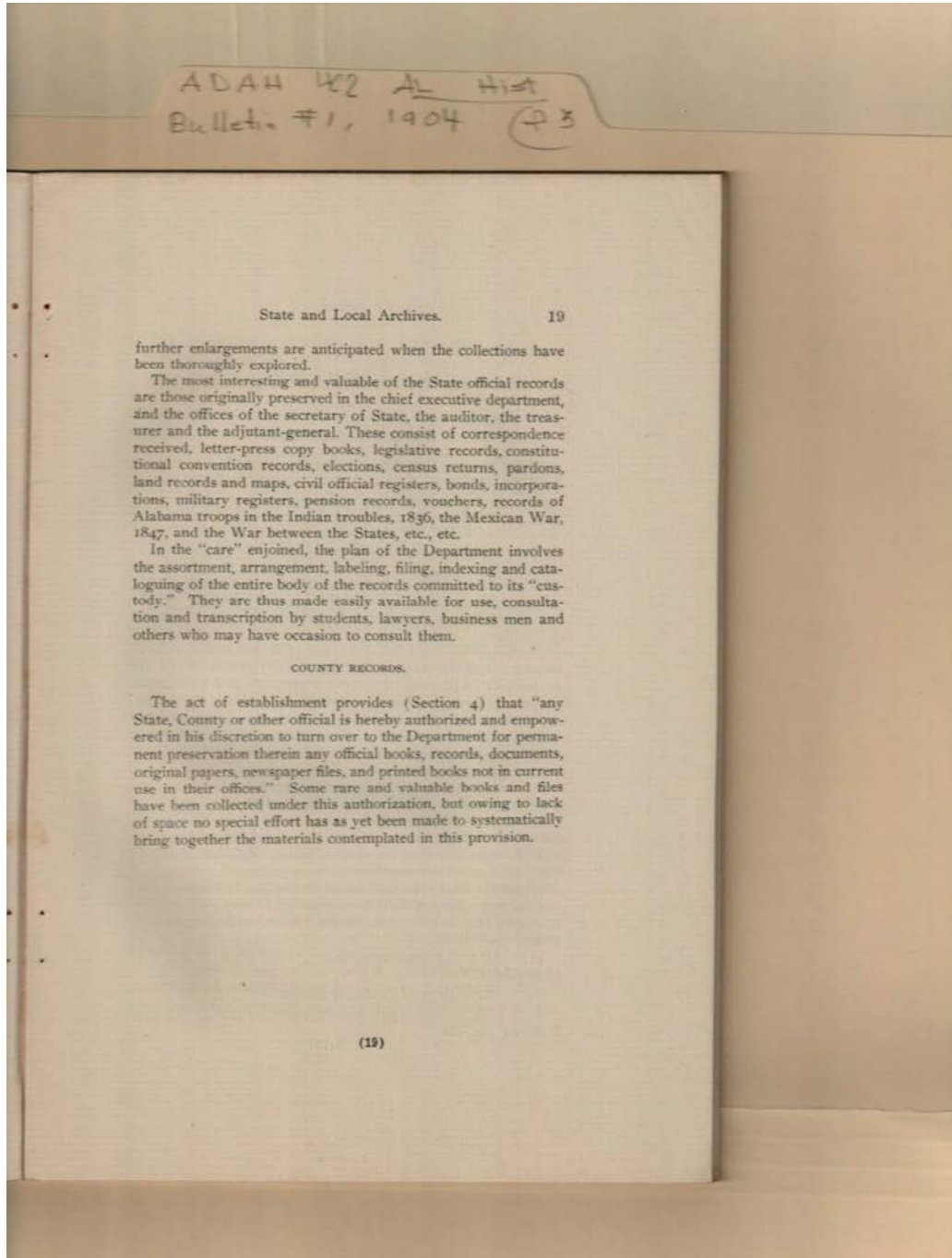


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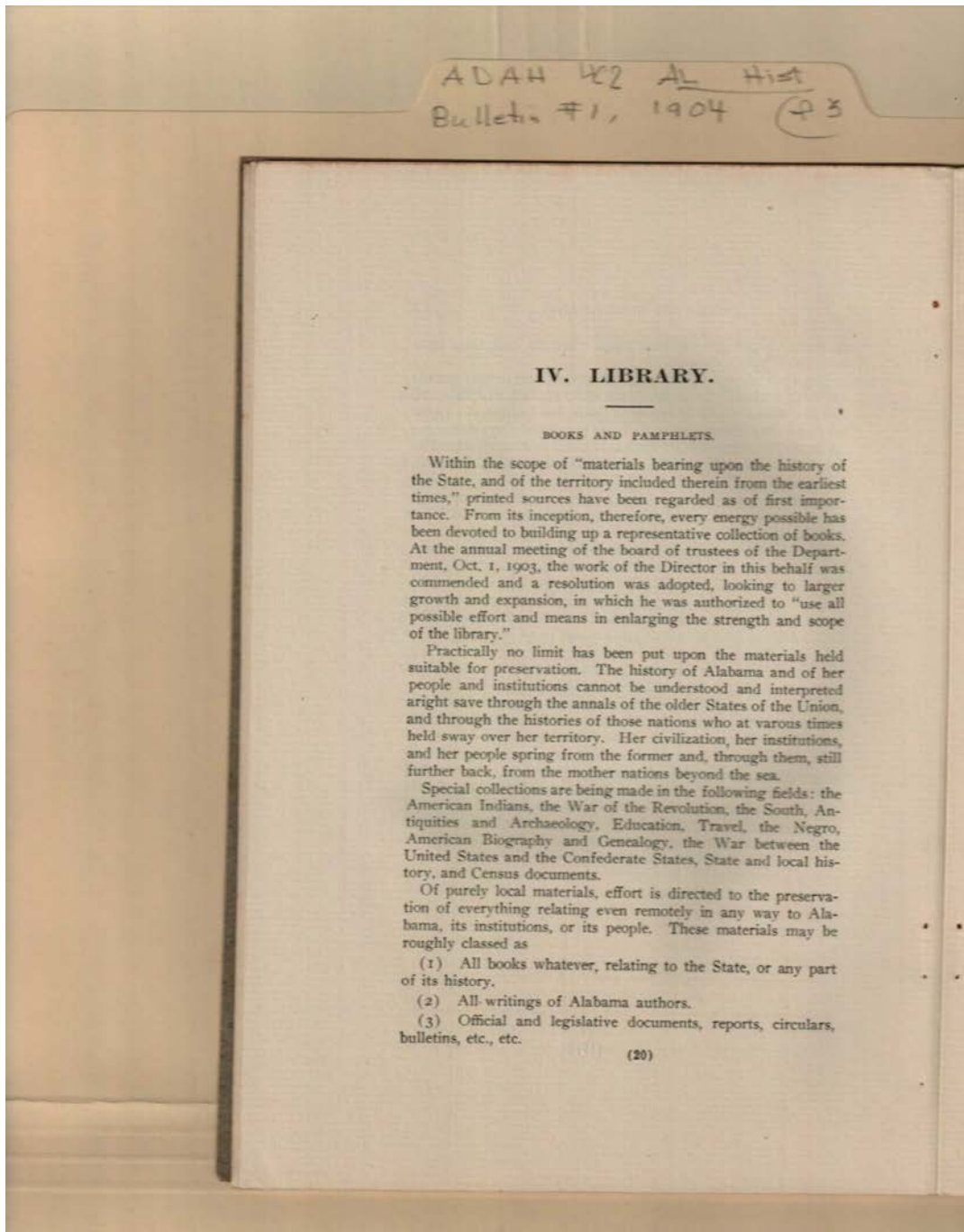


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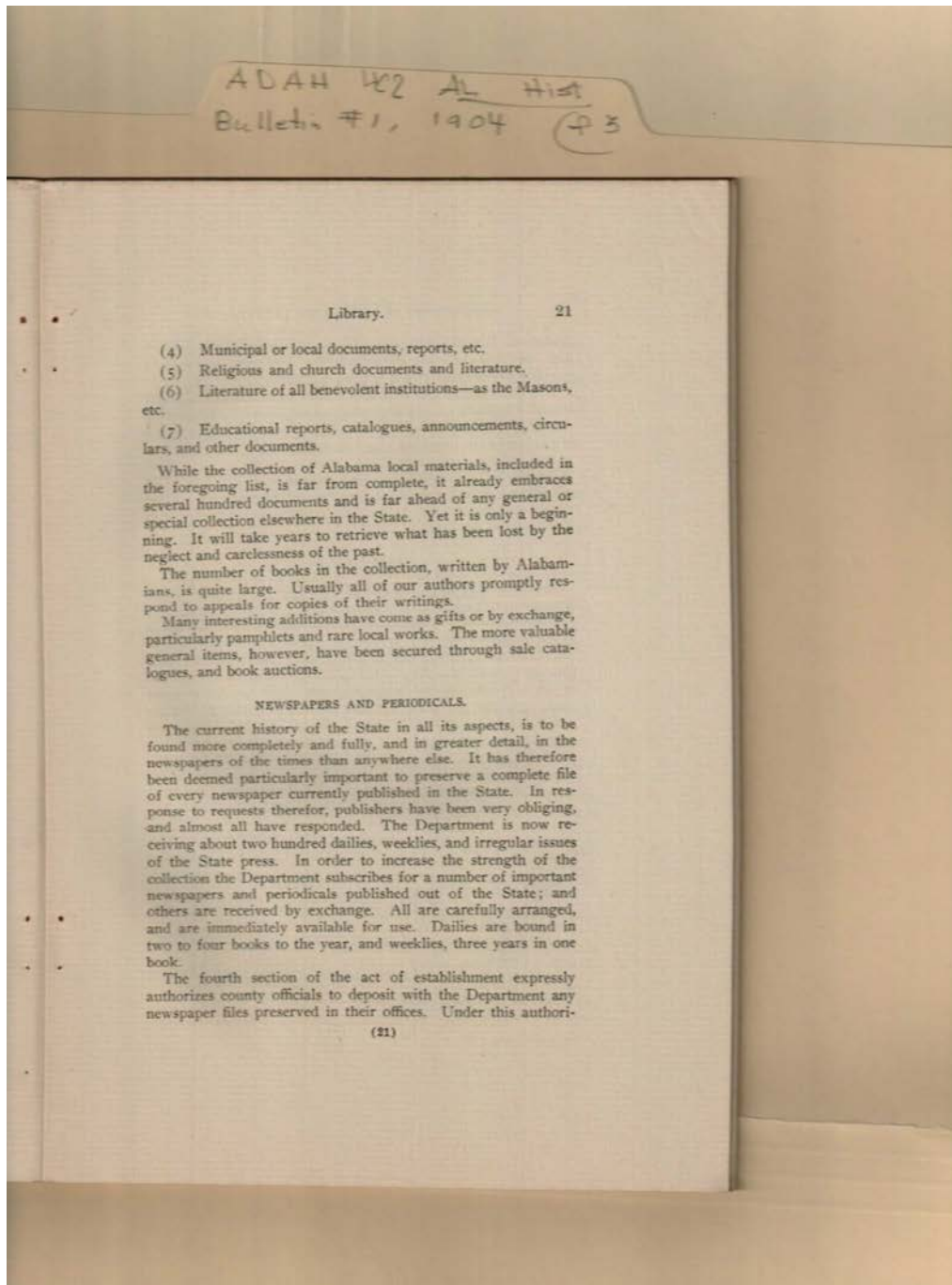


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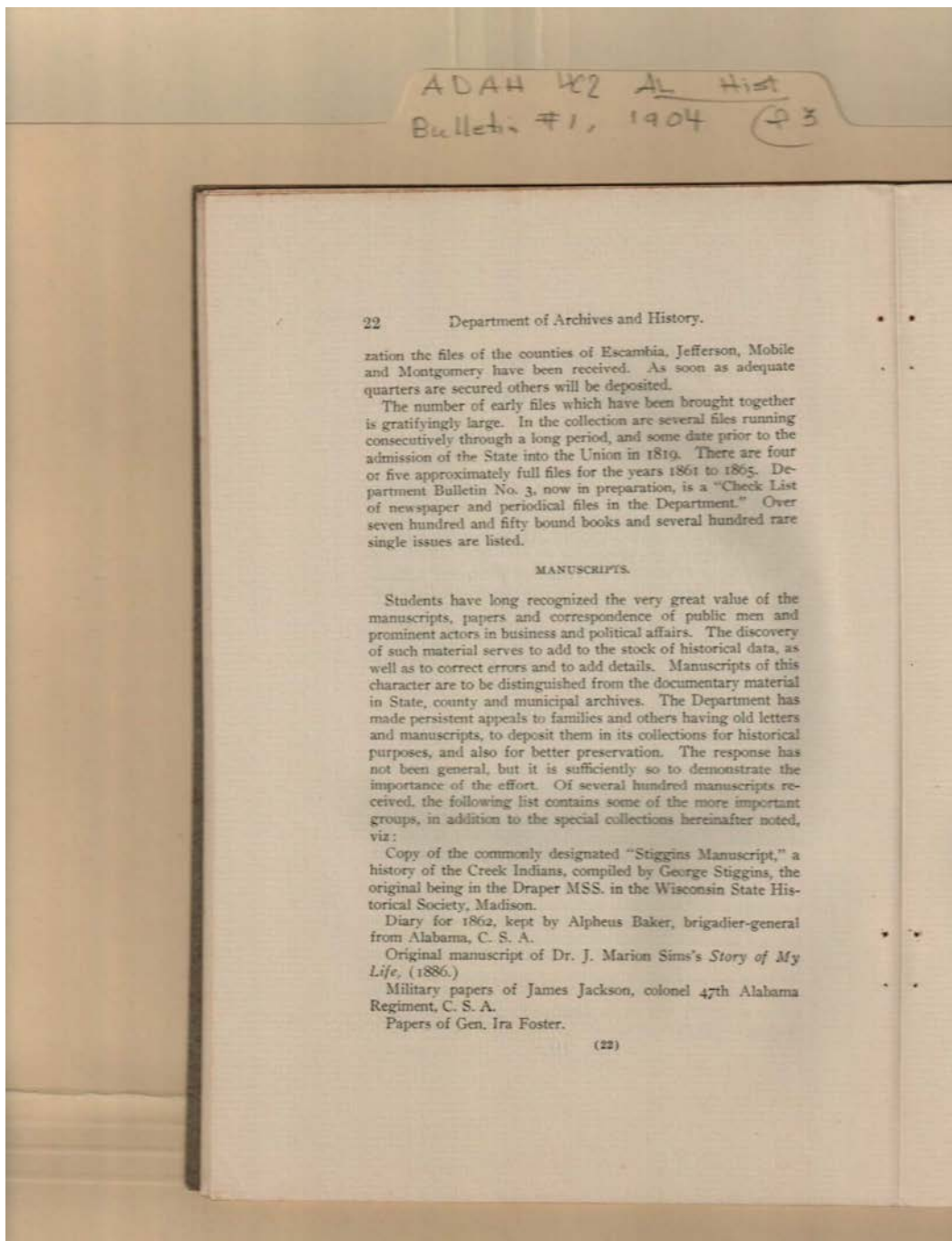


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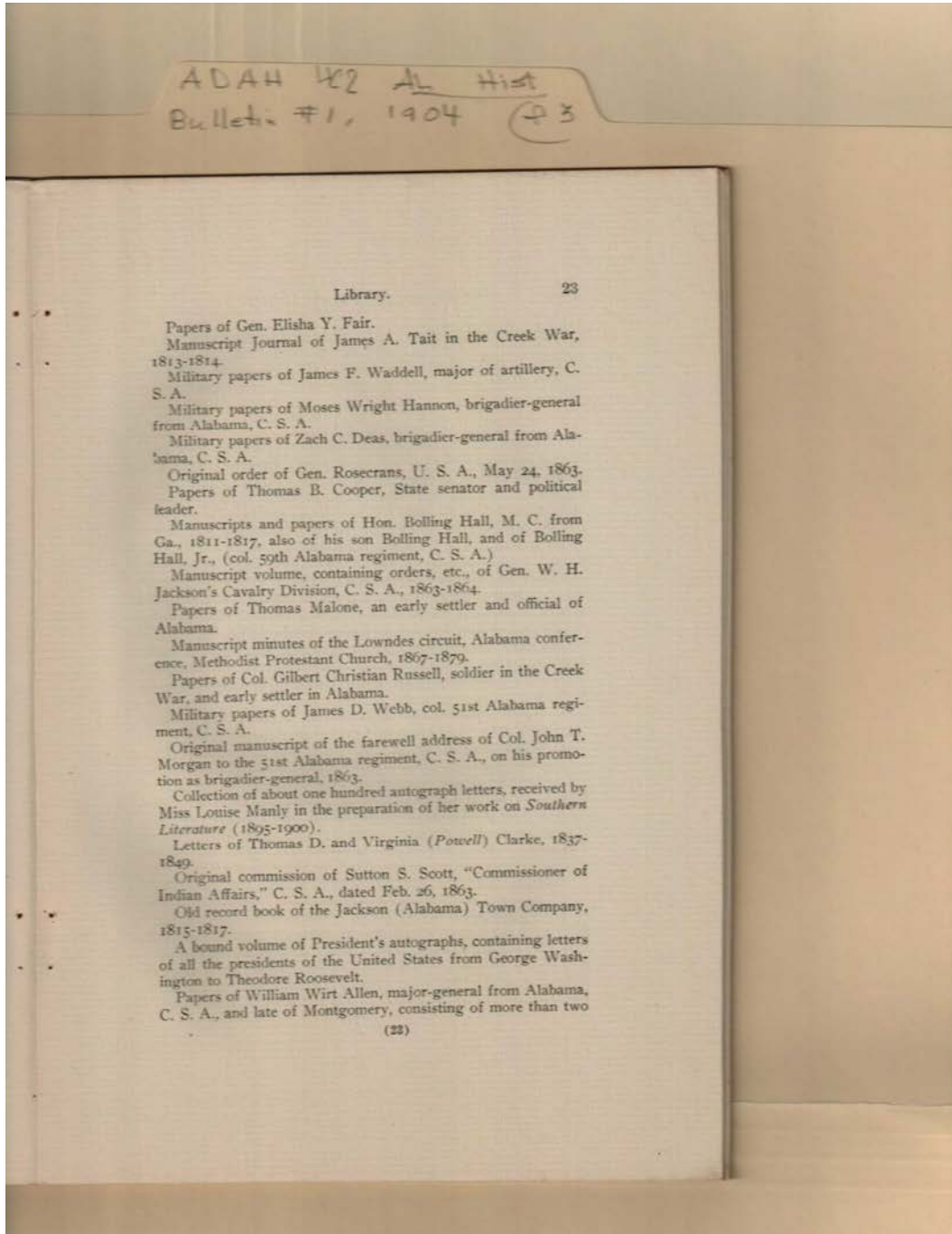
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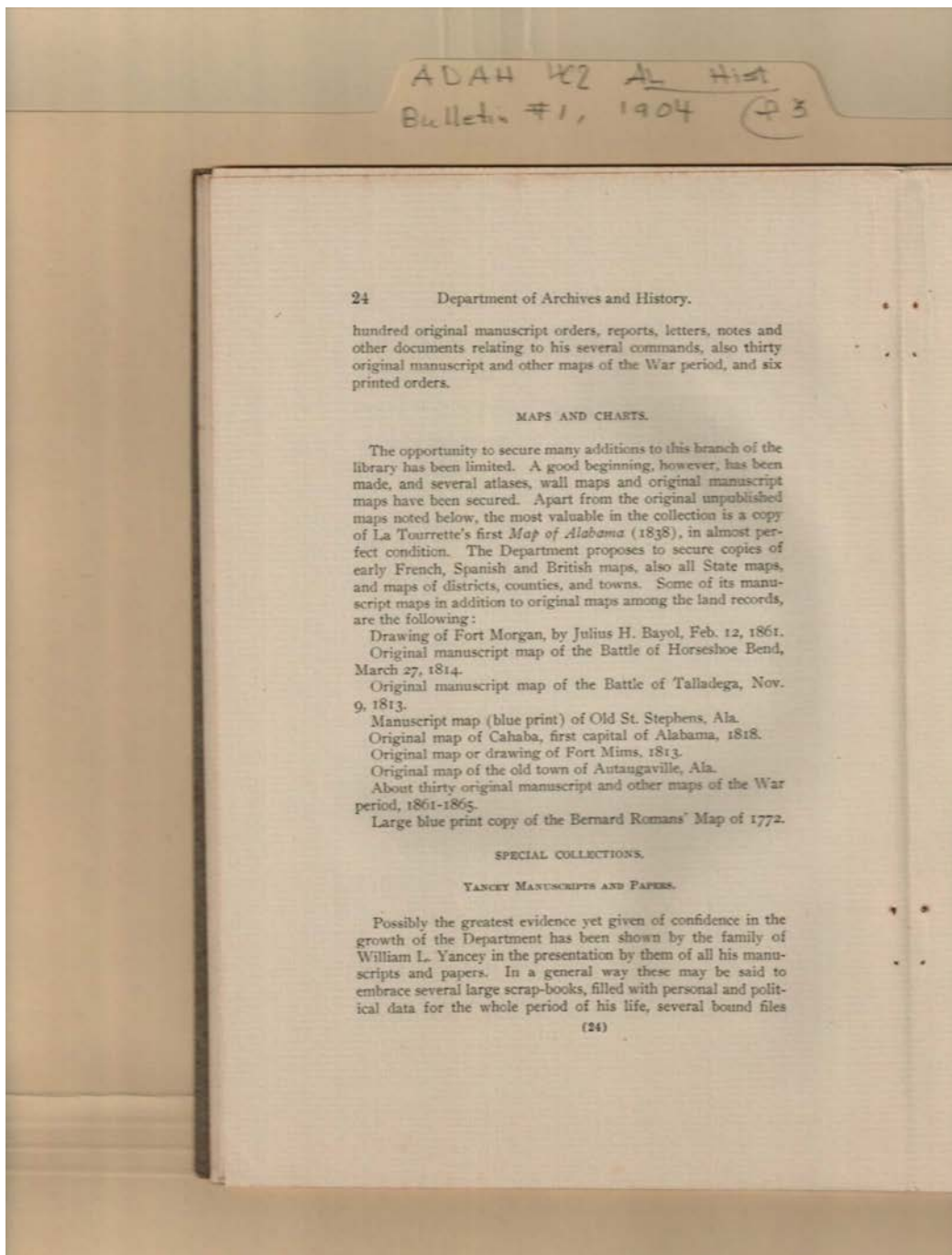
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Morgan, John T.,  
Colonel  
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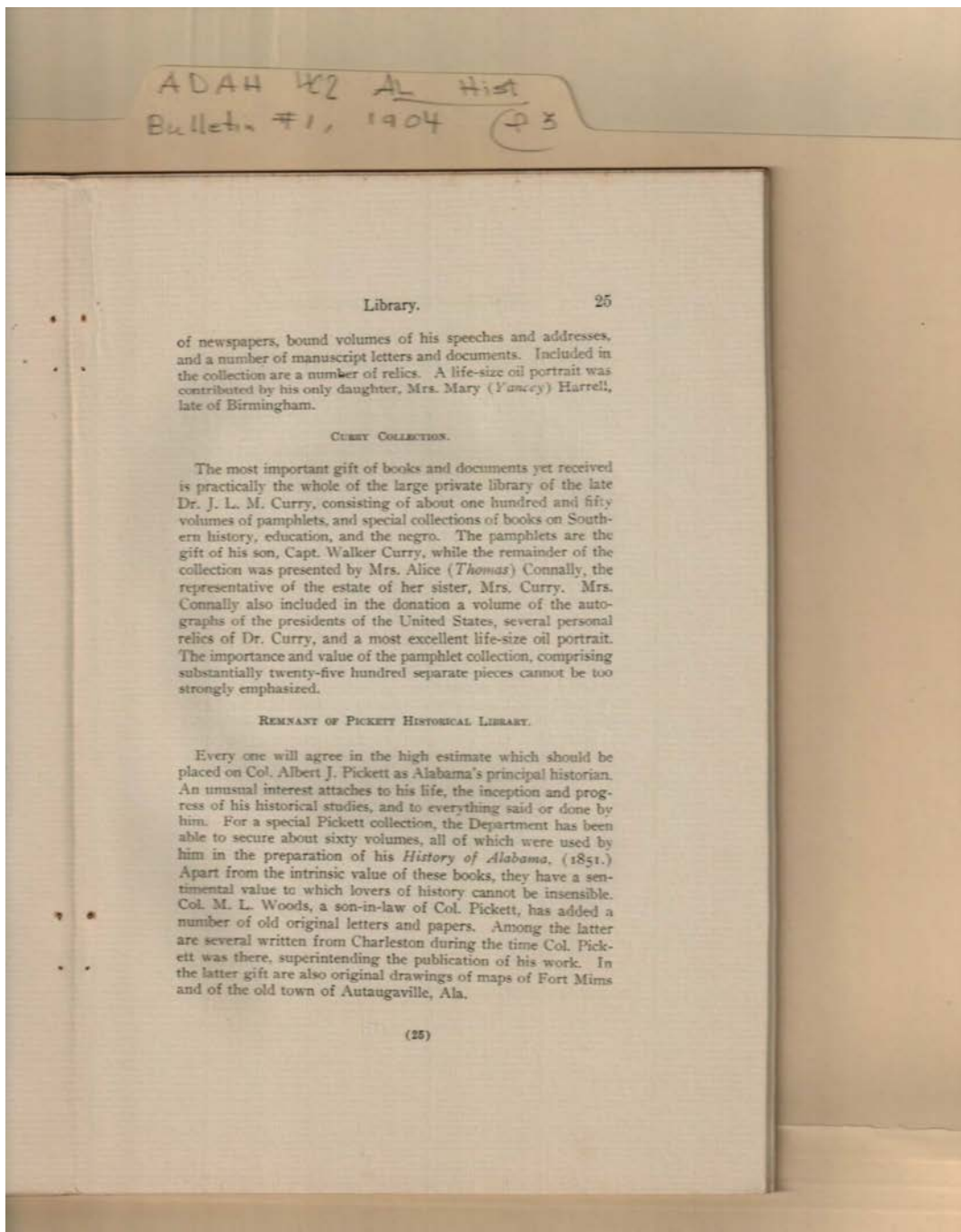
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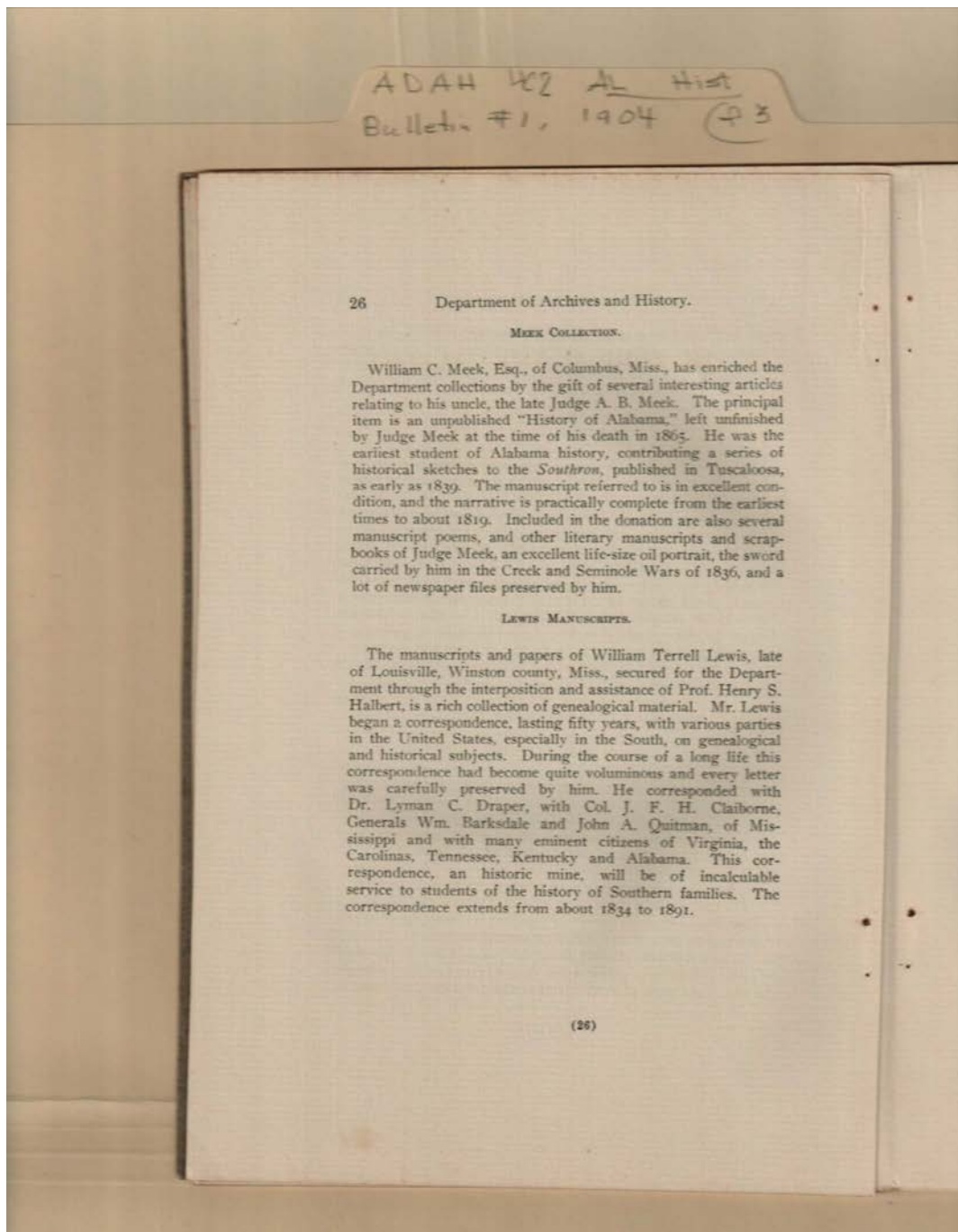
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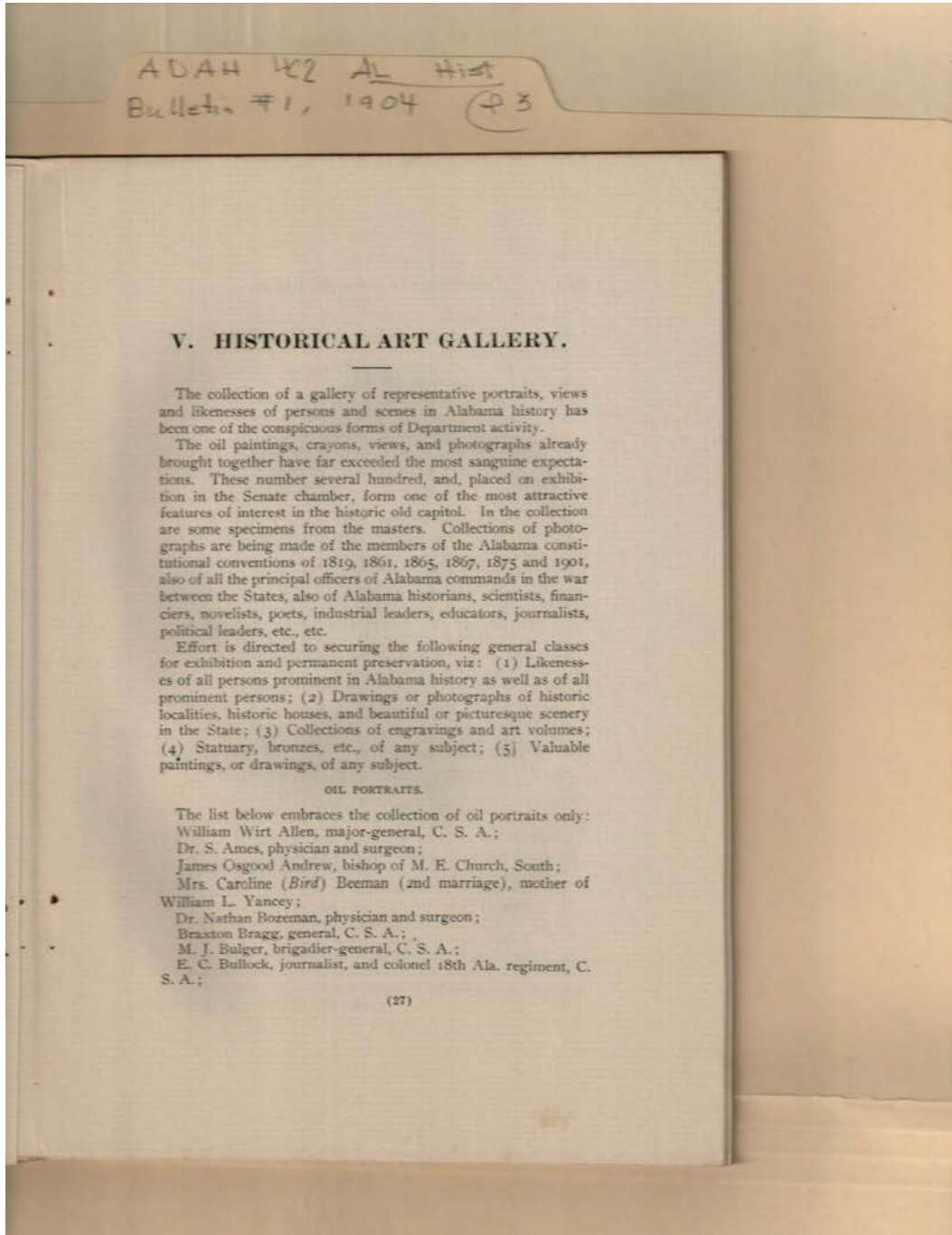
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Prof.

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General  
Southron

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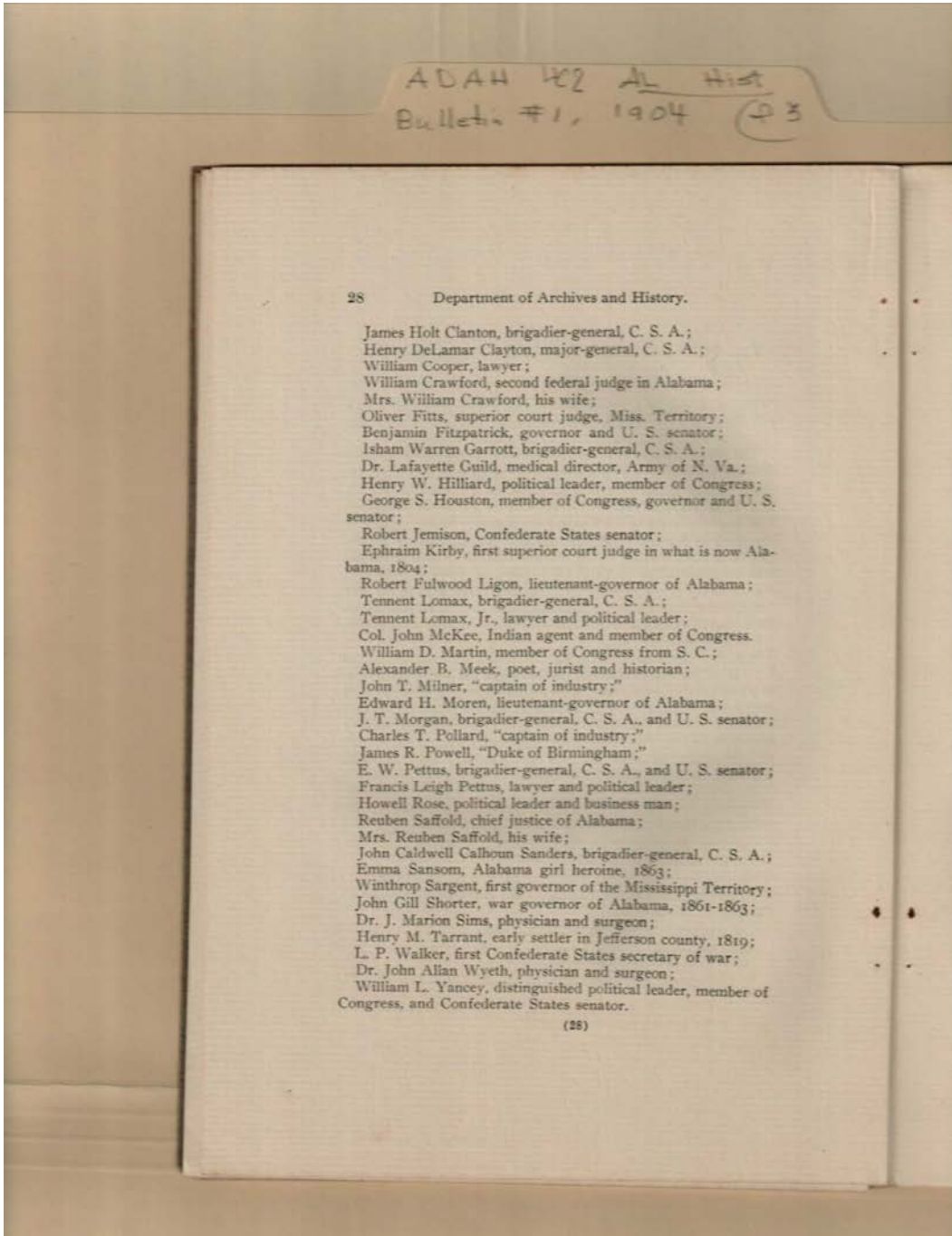
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Mrs.  
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Fitzpatrick,  
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Fulwood

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General  
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Colonel  
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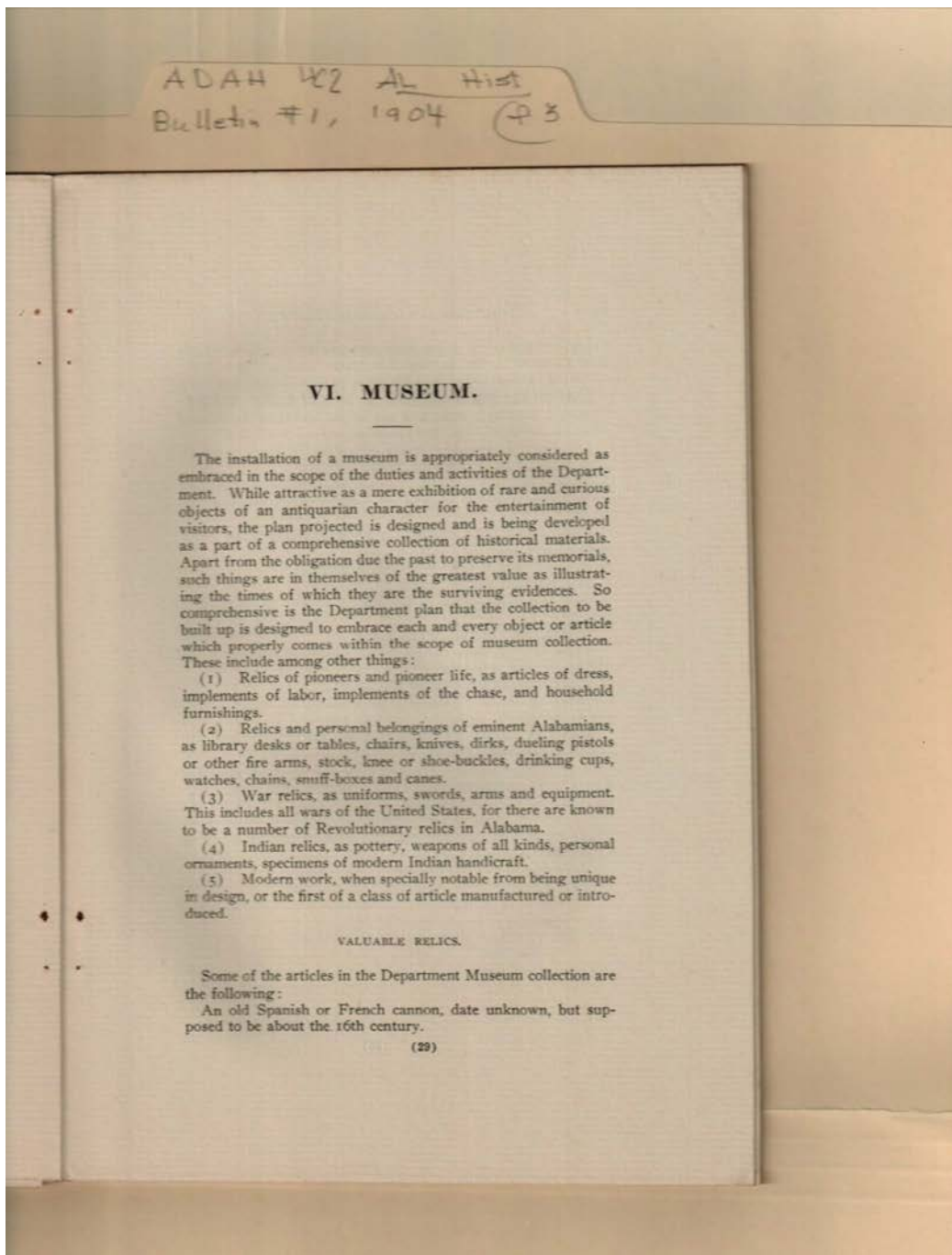
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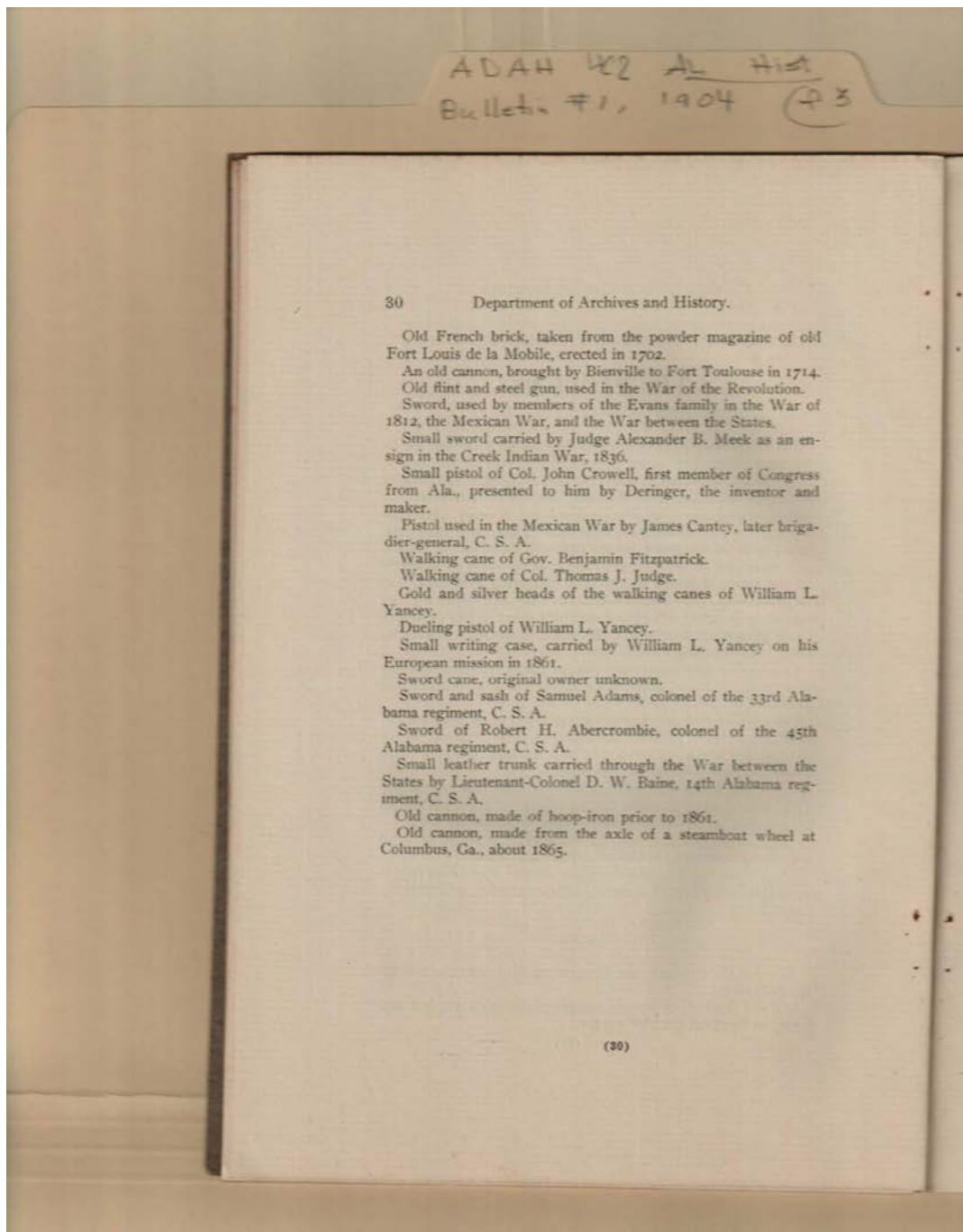
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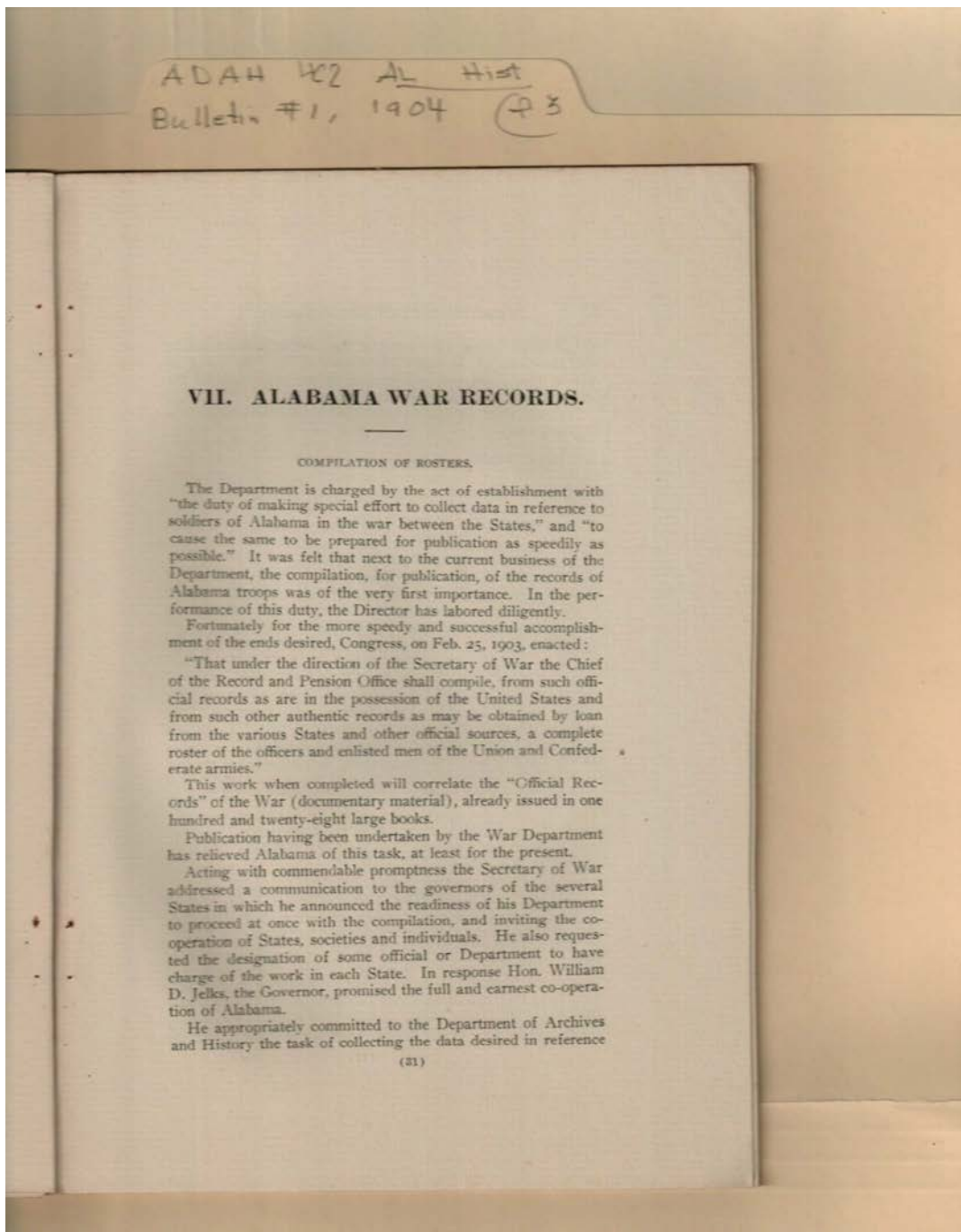
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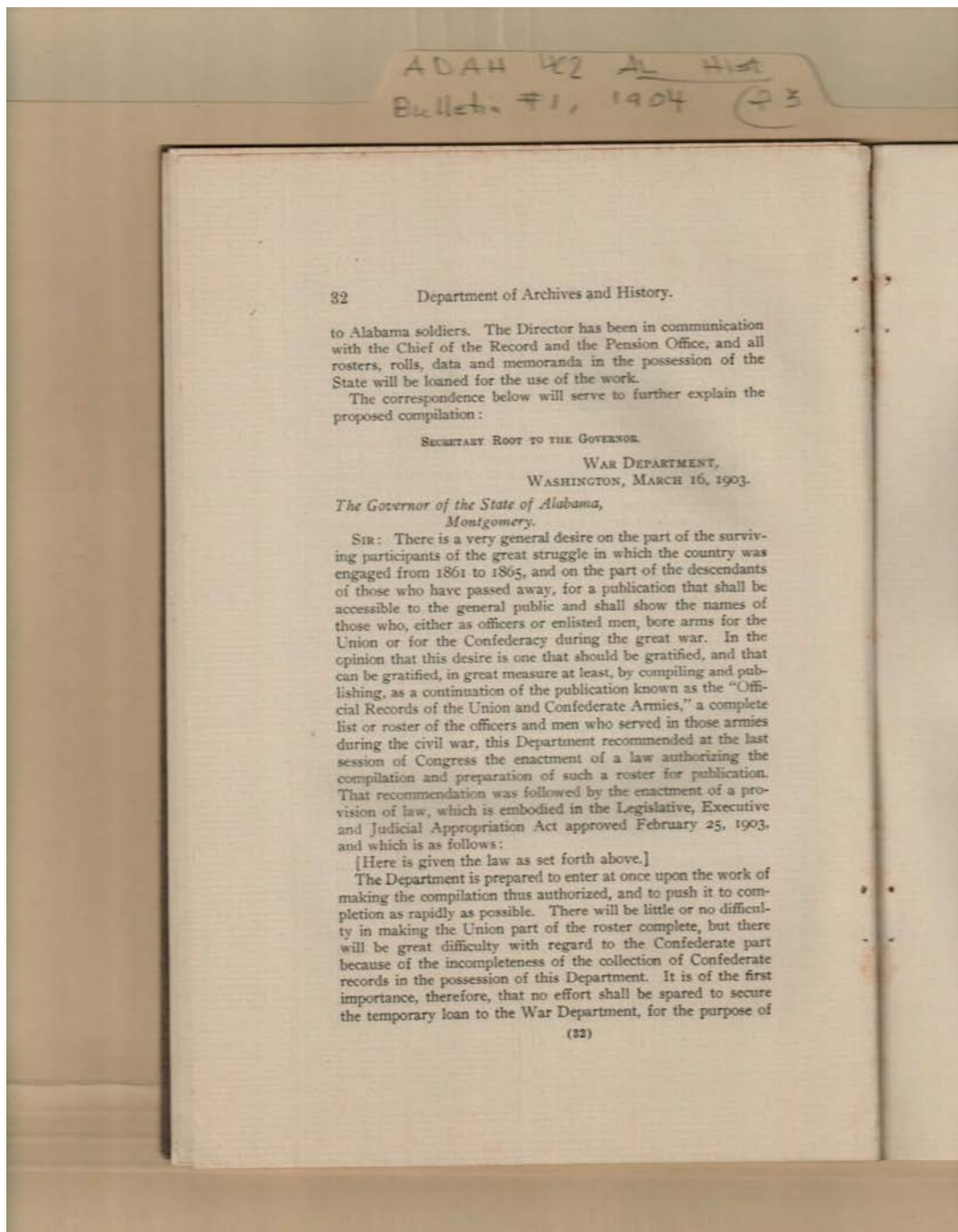
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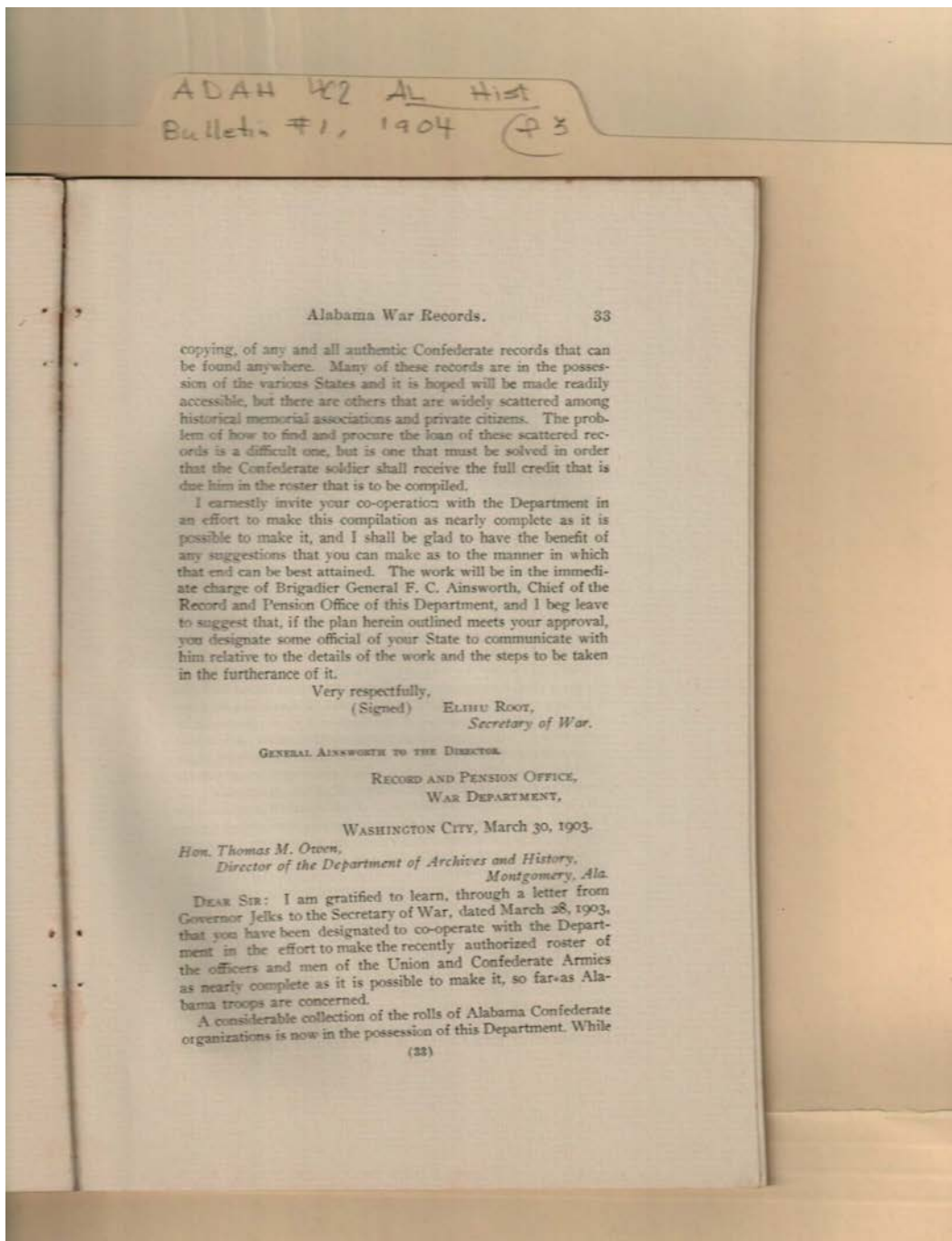
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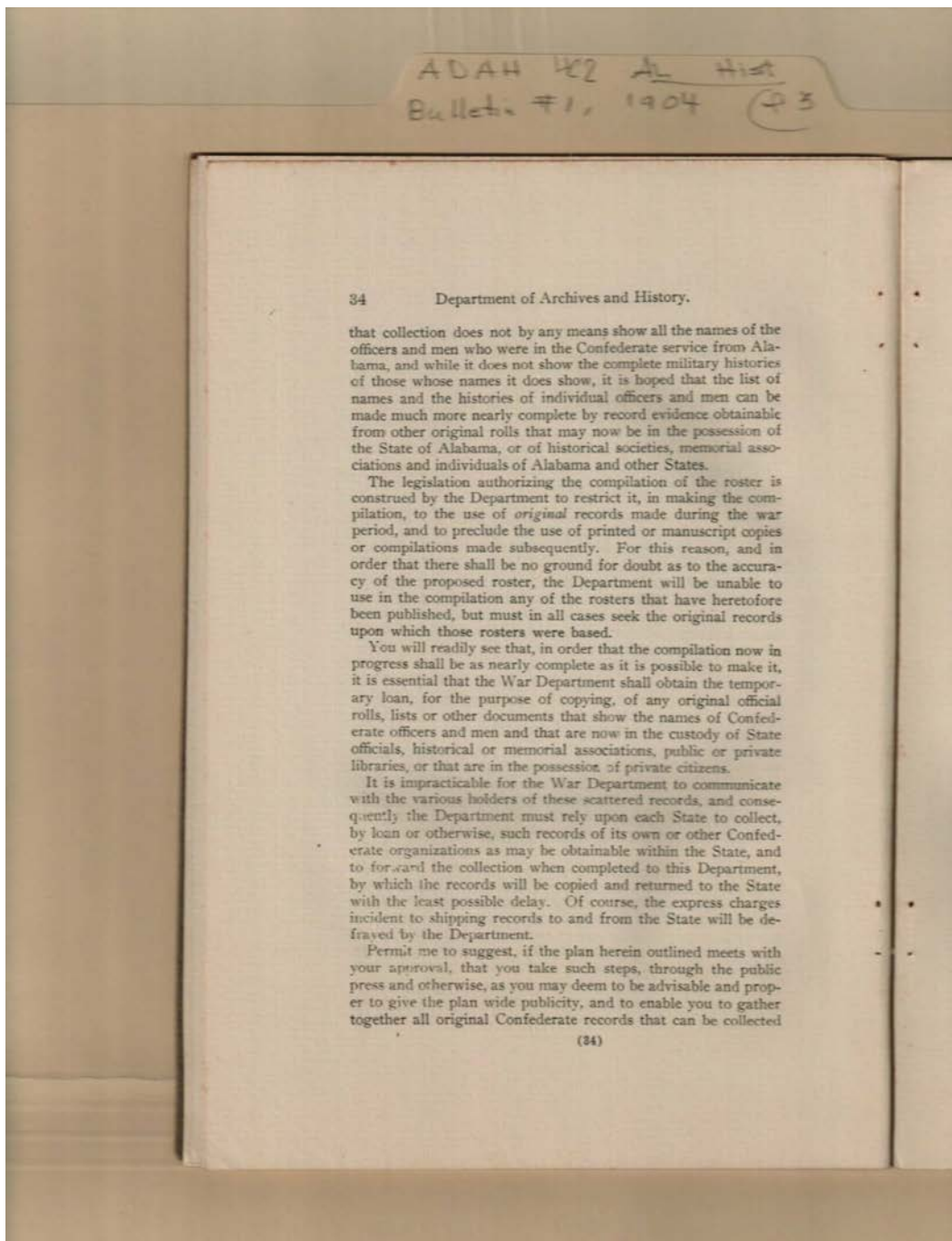
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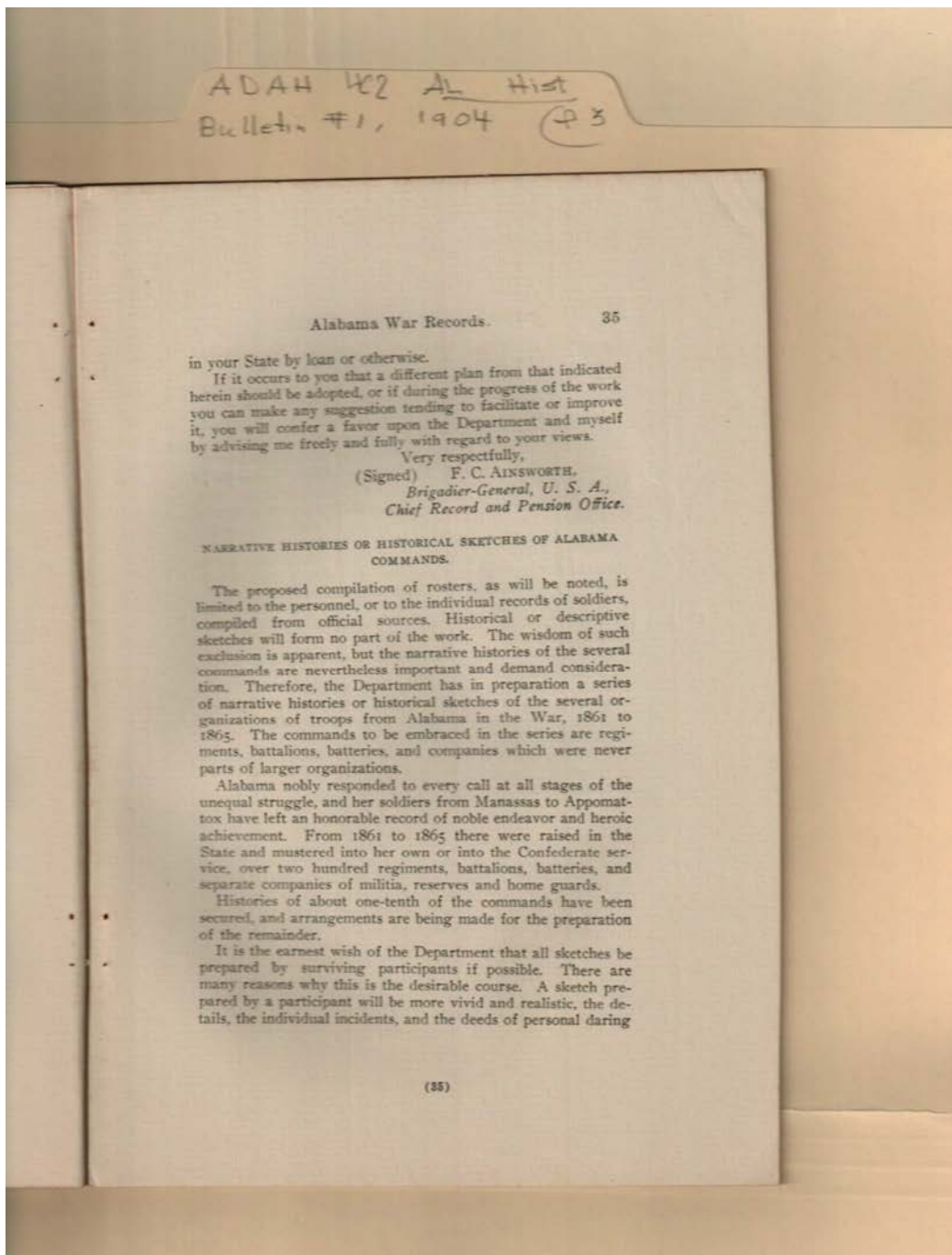
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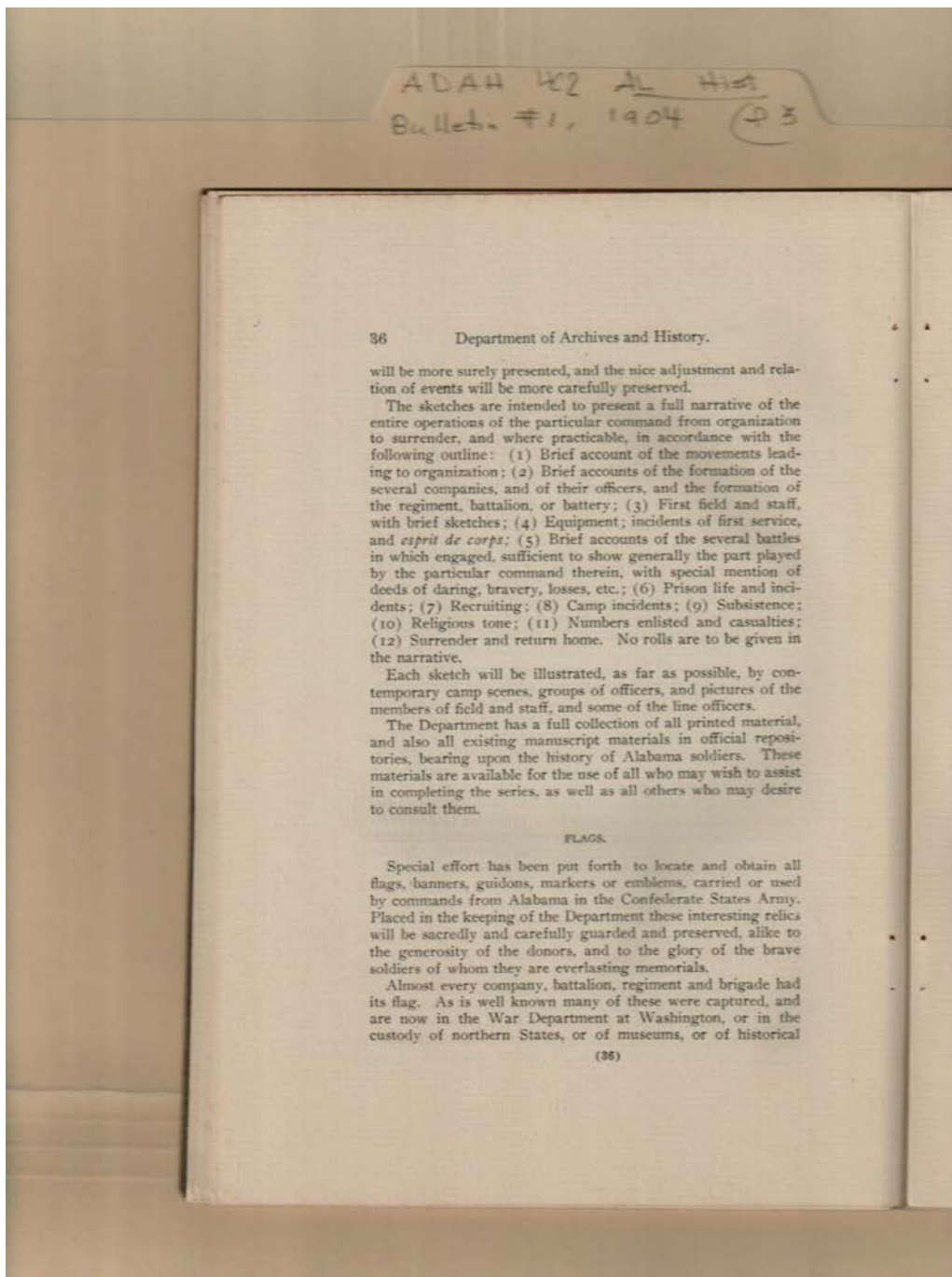
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General

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will be more surely presented, and the nice adjustment and relation of events will be more carefully preserved.

The sketches are intended to present a full narrative of the entire operations of the particular command from organization to surrender, and where practicable, in accordance with the following outline: (1) Brief account of the movements leading to organization; (2) Brief accounts of the formation of the several companies, and of their officers, and the formation of the regiment, battalion, or battery; (3) First field and staff, with brief sketches; (4) Equipment; incidents of first service, and *esprit de corps*; (5) Brief accounts of the several battles in which engaged, sufficient to show generally the part played by the particular command therein, with special mention of deeds of daring, bravery, losses, etc.; (6) Prison life and incidents; (7) Recruiting; (8) Camp incidents; (9) Subsistence; (10) Religious tone; (11) Numbers enlisted and casualties; (12) Surrender and return home. No rolls are to be given in the narrative.

Each sketch will be illustrated, as far as possible, by contemporary camp scenes, groups of officers, and pictures of the members of field and staff, and some of the line officers.

The Department has a full collection of all printed material, and also all existing manuscript materials in official repositories, bearing upon the history of Alabama soldiers. These materials are available for the use of all who may wish to assist in completing the series, as well as all others who may desire to consult them.

#### FLAGS.

Special effort has been put forth to locate and obtain all flags, banners, guidons, markers or emblems, carried or used by commands from Alabama in the Confederate States Army. Placed in the keeping of the Department these interesting relics will be sacredly and carefully guarded and preserved, alike to the generosity of the donors, and to the glory of the brave soldiers of whom they are everlasting memorials.

Almost every company, battalion, regiment and brigade had its flag. As is well known many of these were captured, and are now in the War Department at Washington, or in the custody of northern States, or of museums, or of historical

War Records

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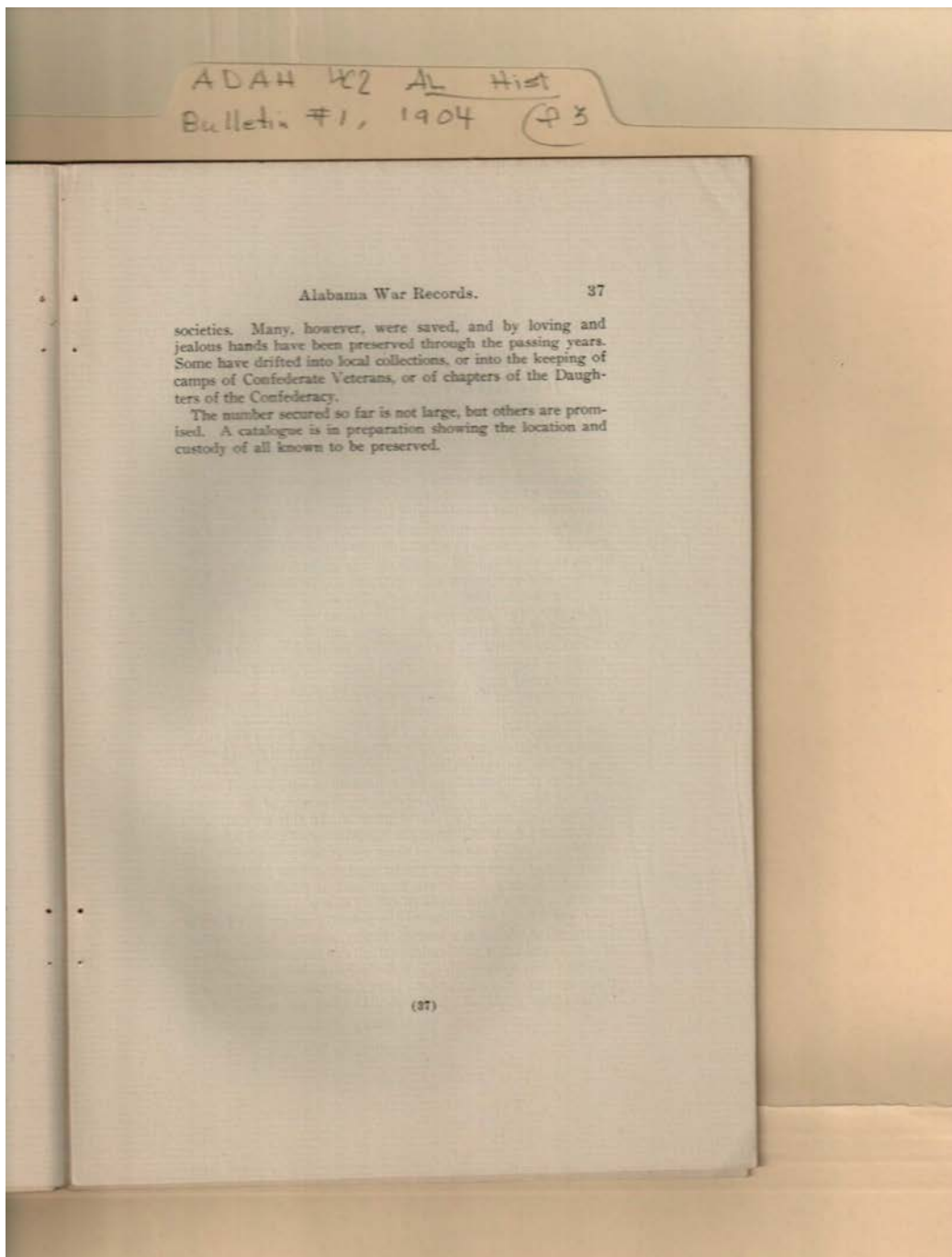
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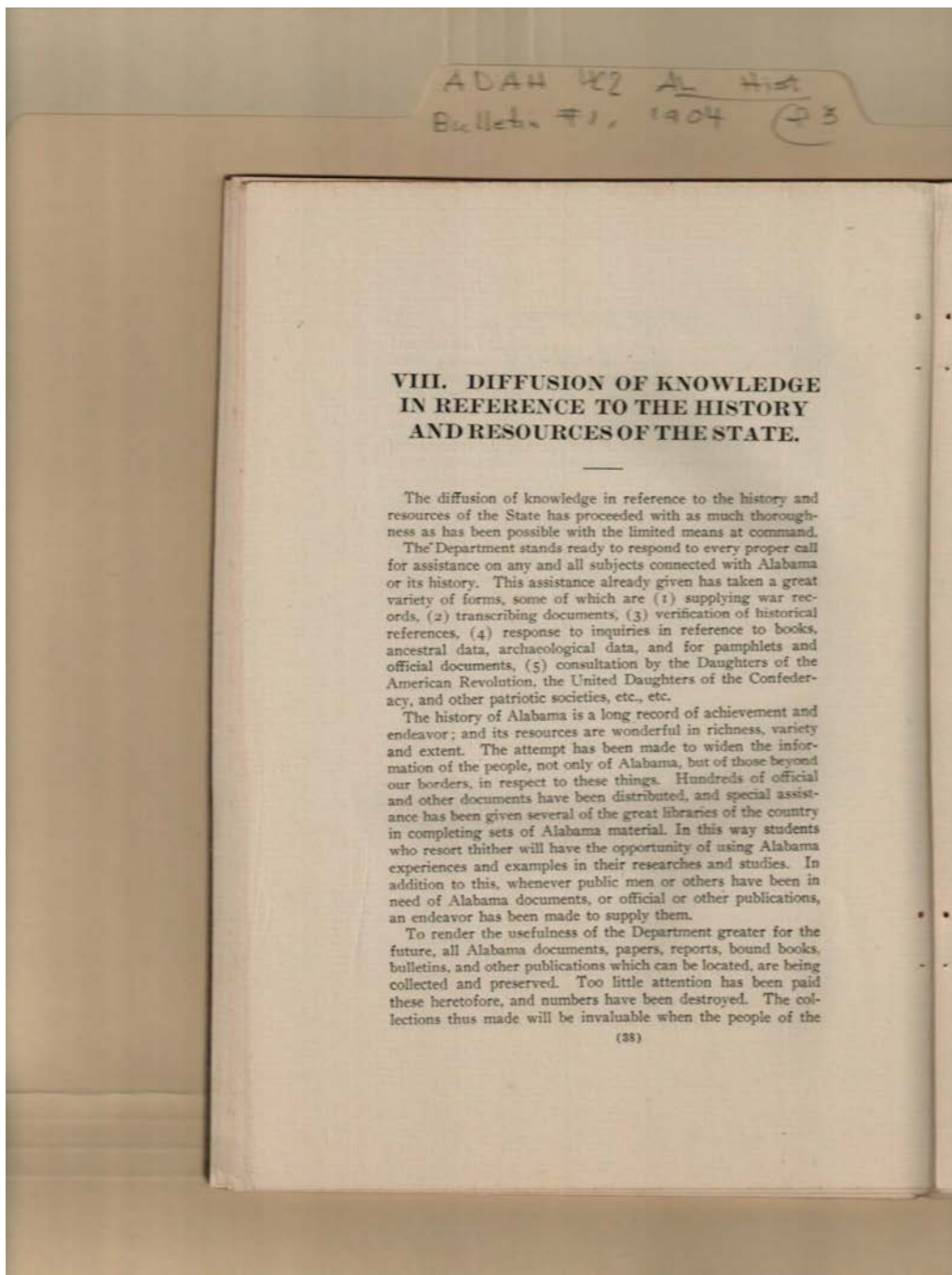
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### VIII. DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE IN REFERENCE TO THE HISTORY AND RESOURCES OF THE STATE.

The diffusion of knowledge in reference to the history and resources of the State has proceeded with as much thoroughness as has been possible with the limited means at command.

The Department stands ready to respond to every proper call for assistance on any and all subjects connected with Alabama or its history. This assistance already given has taken a great variety of forms, some of which are (1) supplying war records, (2) transcribing documents, (3) verification of historical references, (4) response to inquiries in reference to books, ancestral data, archaeological data, and for pamphlets and official documents, (5) consultation by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and other patriotic societies, etc., etc.

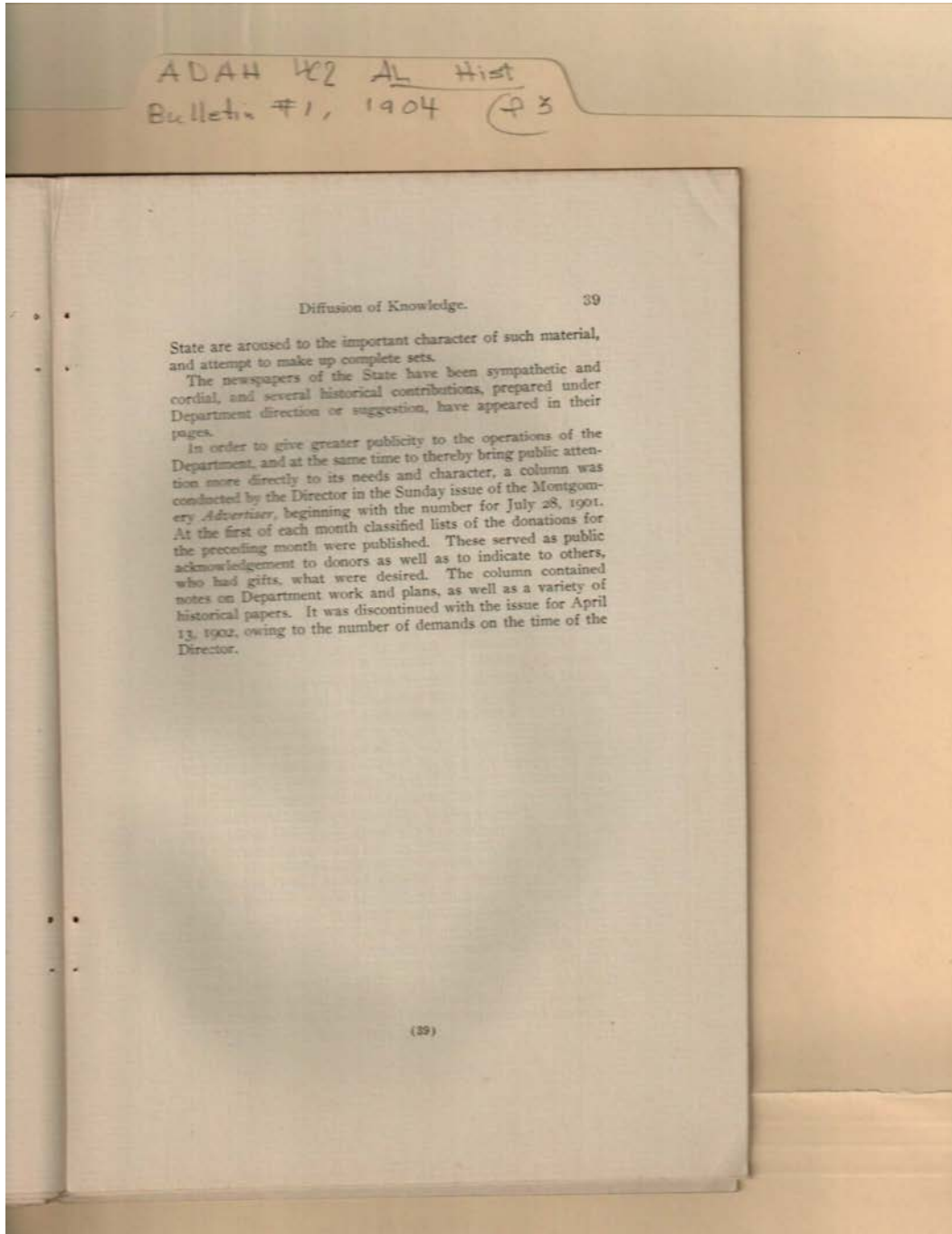
The history of Alabama is a long record of achievement and endeavor; and its resources are wonderful in richness, variety and extent. The attempt has been made to widen the information of the people, not only of Alabama, but of those beyond our borders, in respect to these things. Hundreds of official and other documents have been distributed, and special assistance has been given several of the great libraries of the country in completing sets of Alabama material. In this way students who resort thither will have the opportunity of using Alabama experiences and examples in their researches and studies. In addition to this, whenever public men or others have been in need of Alabama documents, or official or other publications, an endeavor has been made to supply them.

To render the usefulness of the Department greater for the future, all Alabama documents, papers, reports, bound books, bulletins, and other publications which can be located, are being collected and preserved. Too little attention has been paid these heretofore, and numbers have been destroyed. The collections thus made will be invaluable when the people of the

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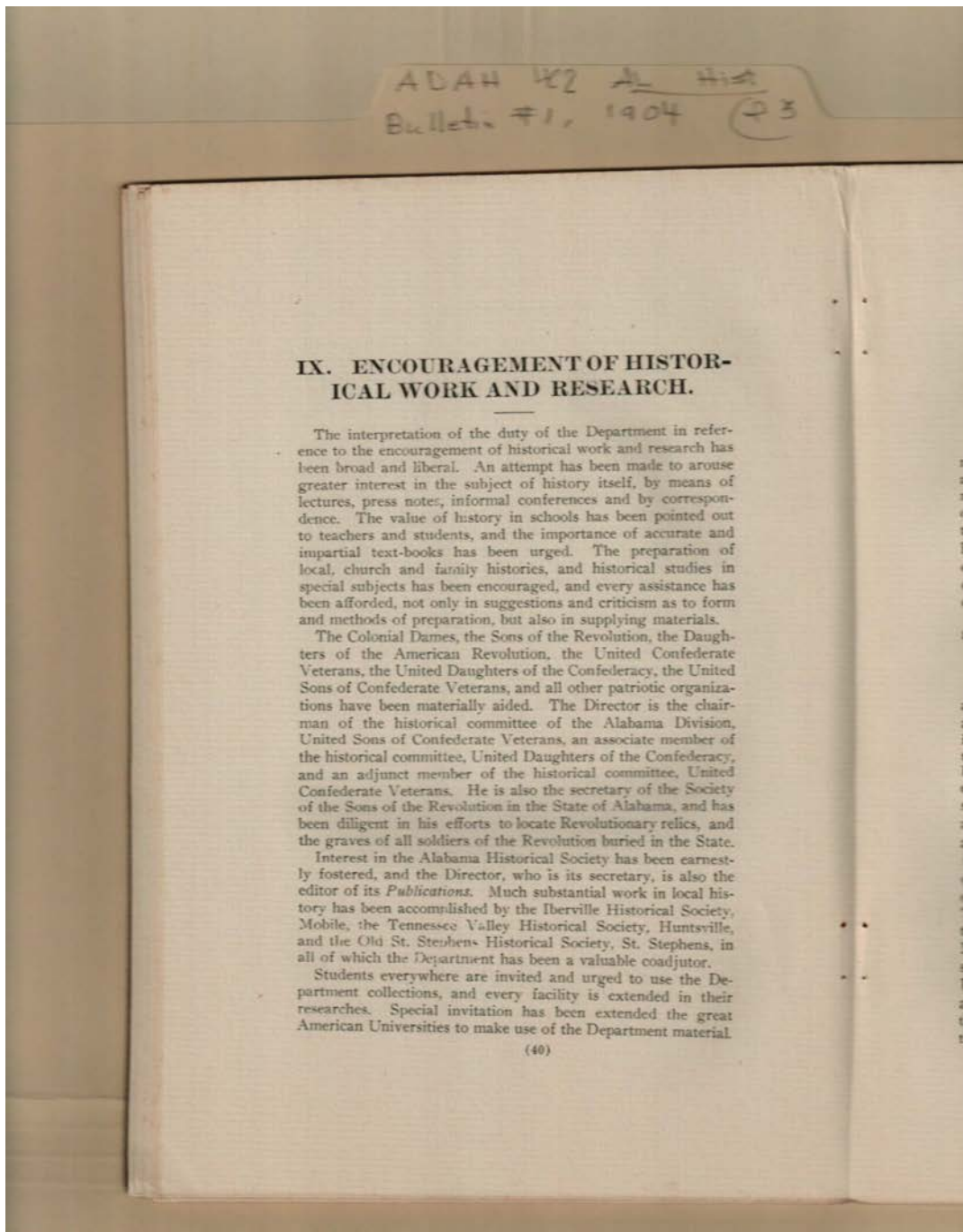
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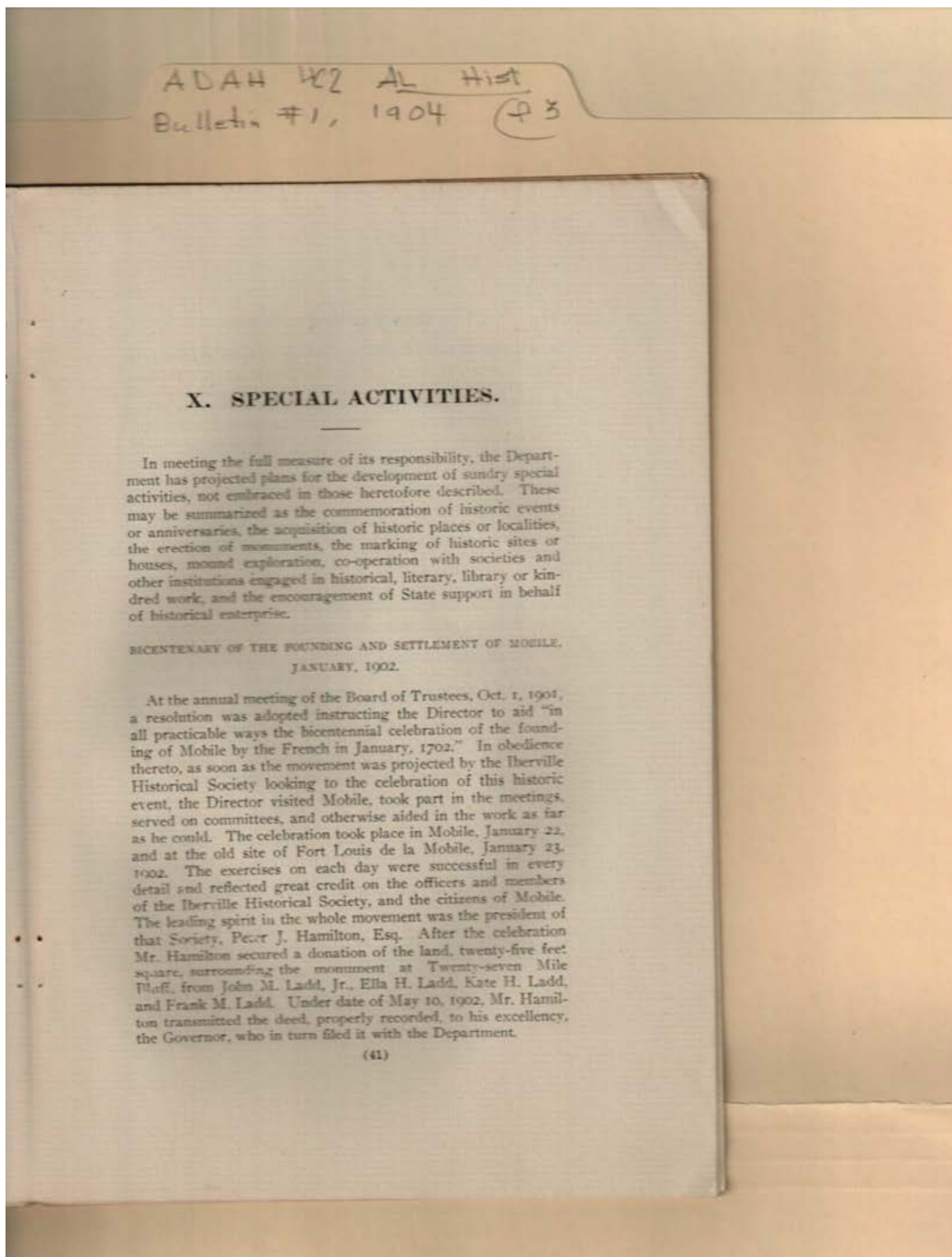
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Tennessee Valley  
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### X. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.

In meeting the full measure of its responsibility, the Department has projected plans for the development of sundry special activities, not embraced in those heretofore described. These may be summarized as the commemoration of historic events or anniversaries, the acquisition of historic places or localities, the erection of monuments, the marking of historic sites or houses, mound exploration, co-operation with societies and other institutions engaged in historical, literary, library or kindred work, and the encouragement of State support in behalf of historical enterprise.

#### BICENTENARY OF THE FOUNDED AND SETTLEMENT OF MOBILE. JANUARY, 1902.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, Oct. 1, 1901, a resolution was adopted instructing the Director to aid "in all practicable ways the bicentennial celebration of the founding of Mobile by the French in January, 1702." In obedience thereto, as soon as the movement was projected by the Iberville Historical Society looking to the celebration of this historic event, the Director visited Mobile, took part in the meetings, served on committees, and otherwise aided in the work as far as he could. The celebration took place in Mobile, January 22, and at the old site of Fort Louis de la Mobile, January 23, 1902. The exercises on each day were successful in every detail and reflected great credit on the officers and members of the Iberville Historical Society, and the citizens of Mobile. The leading spirit in the whole movement was the president of that Society, Peter J. Hamilton, Esq. After the celebration Mr. Hamilton secured a donation of the land, twenty-five feet square, surrounding the monument at Twenty-seven Mile Ploff, from John M. Ladd, Jr., Ella H. Ladd, Kate H. Ladd, and Frank M. Ladd. Under date of May 10, 1902, Mr. Hamilton transmitted the deed, properly recorded, to his excellency, the Governor, who in turn filed it with the Department.

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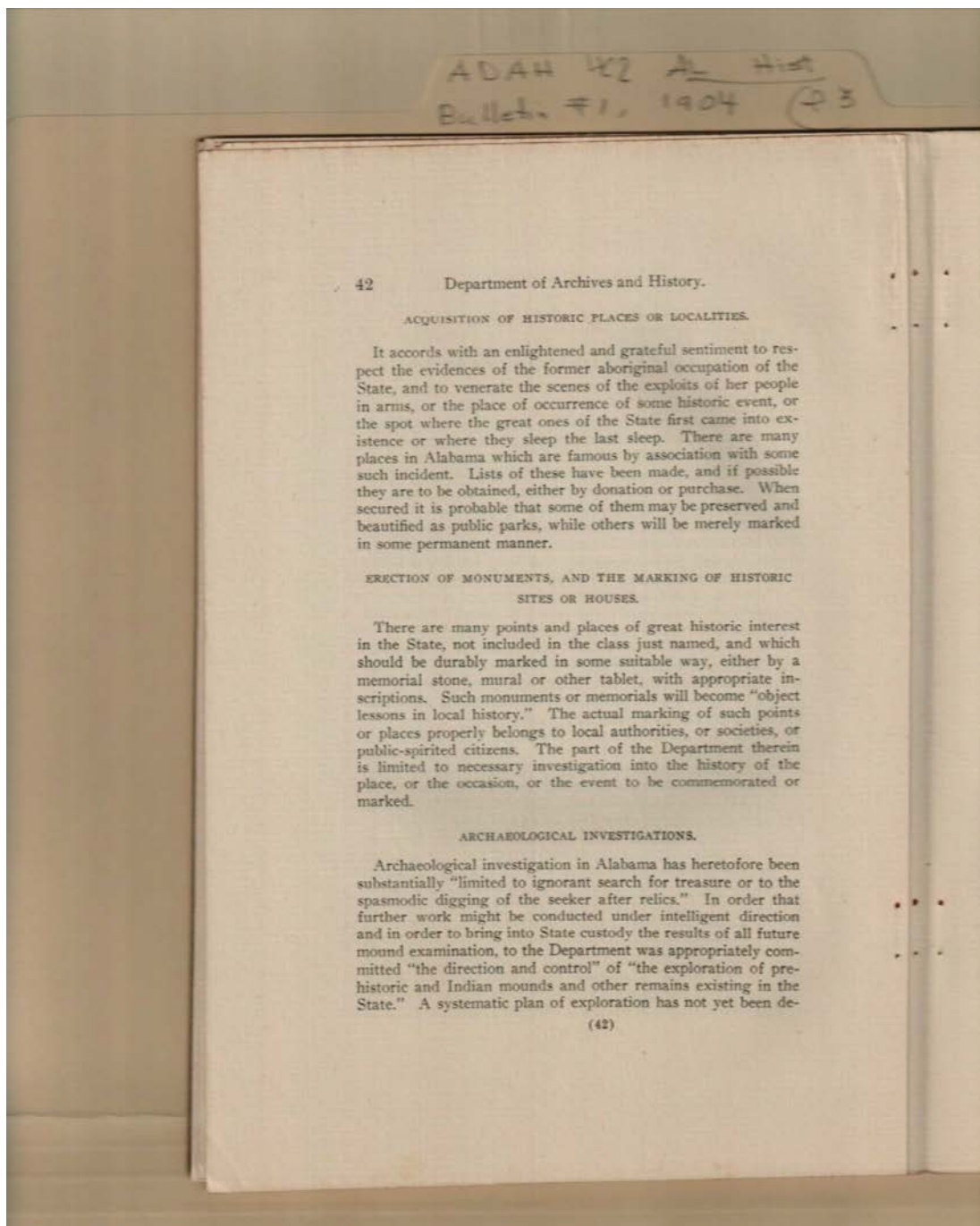
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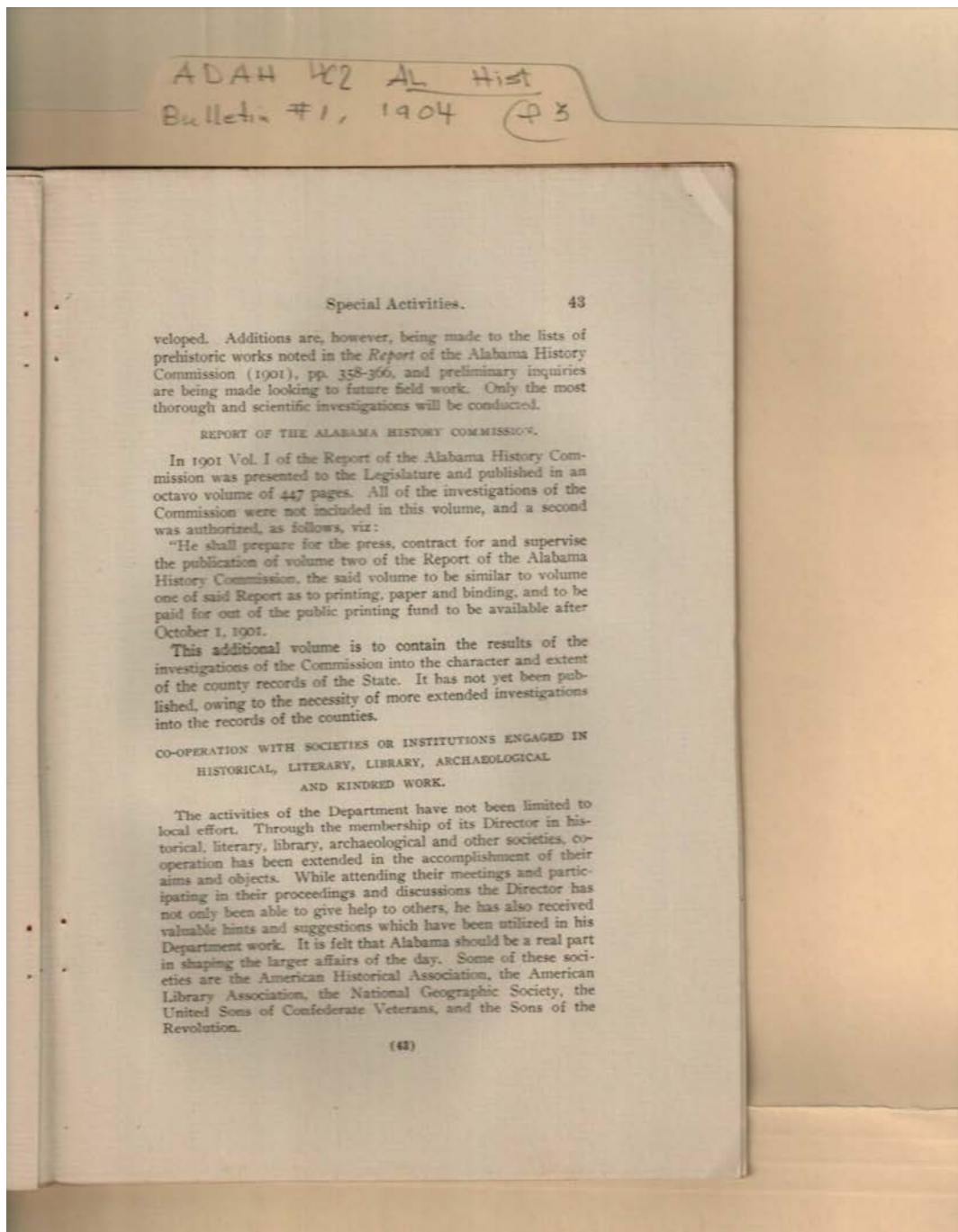


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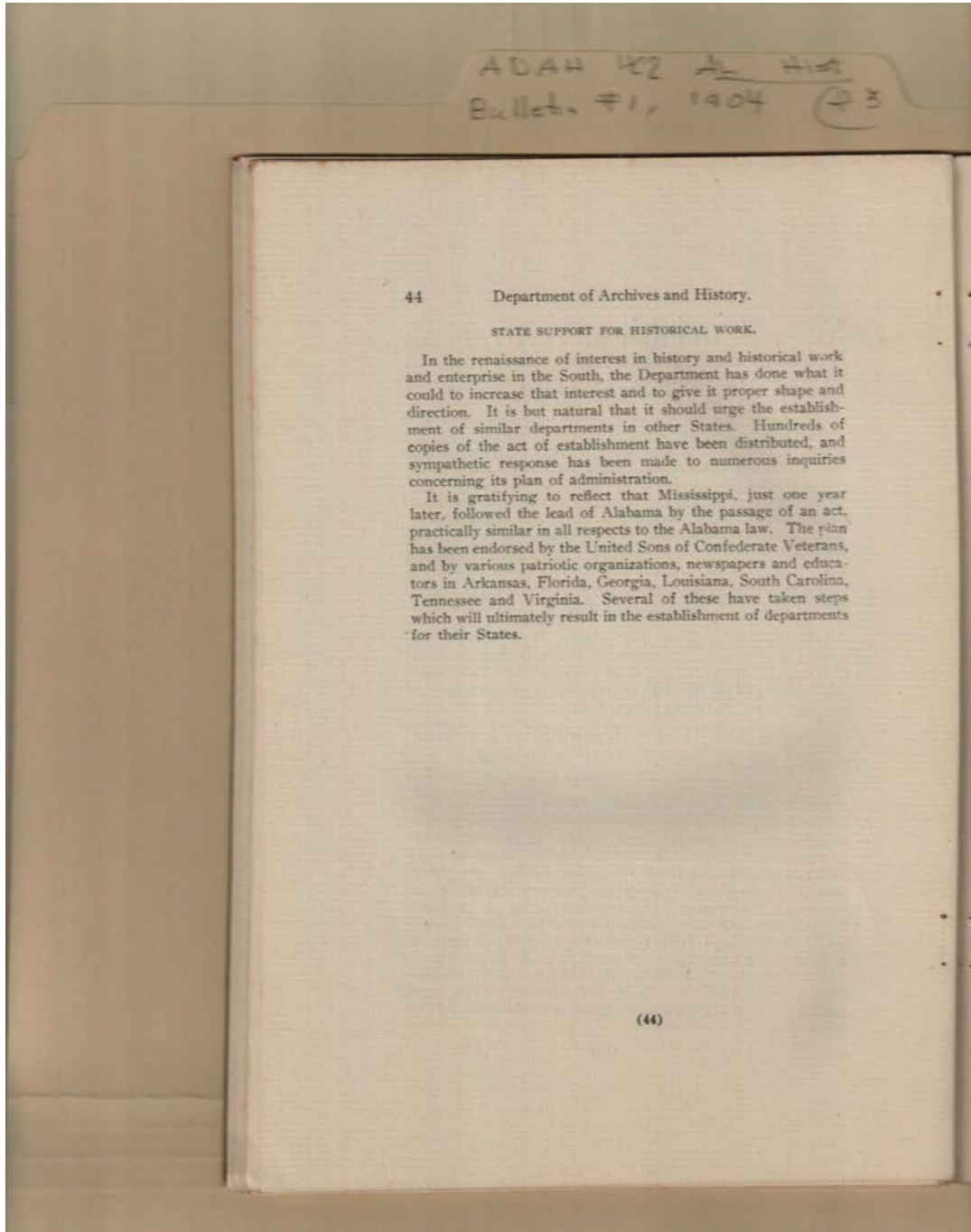
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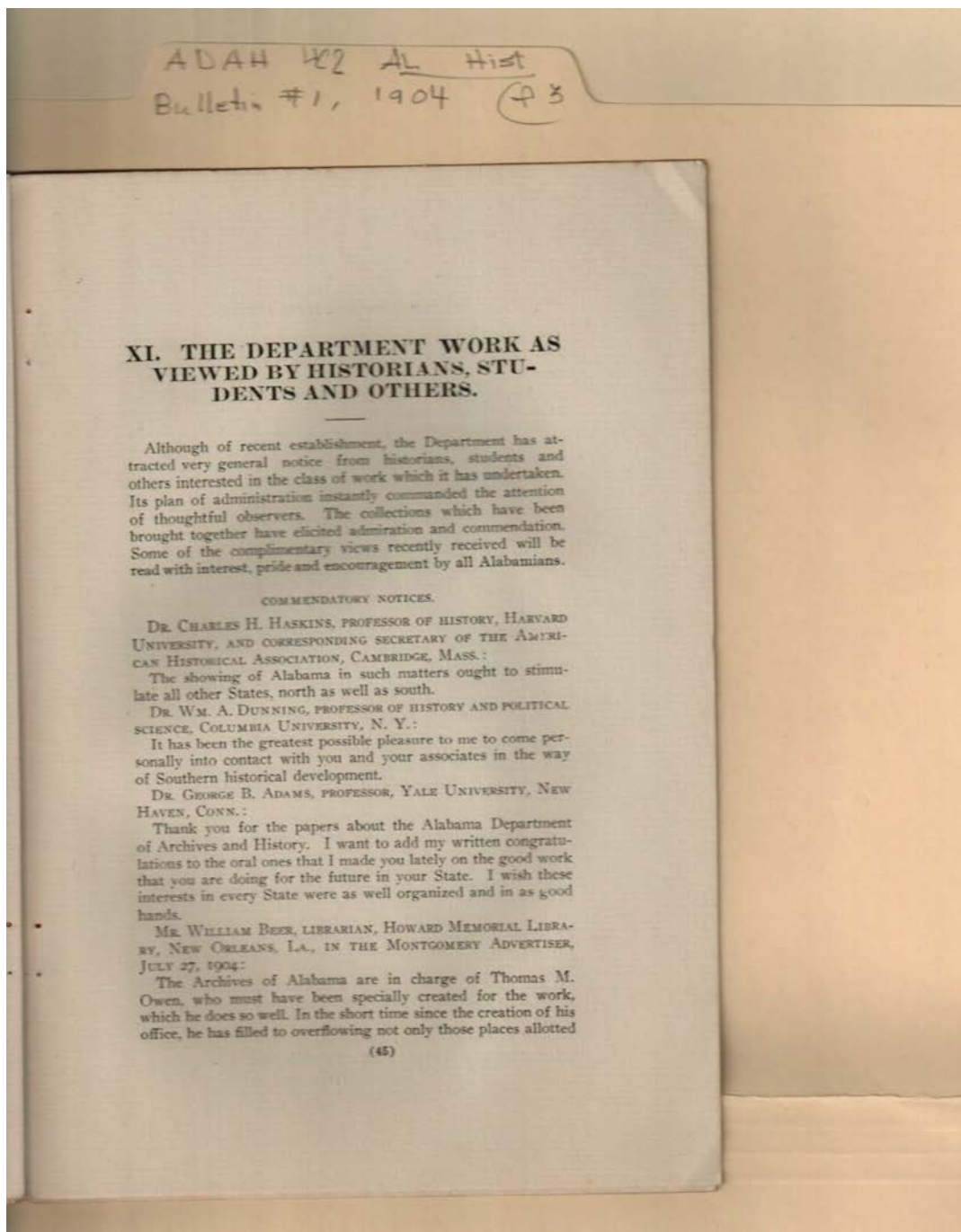
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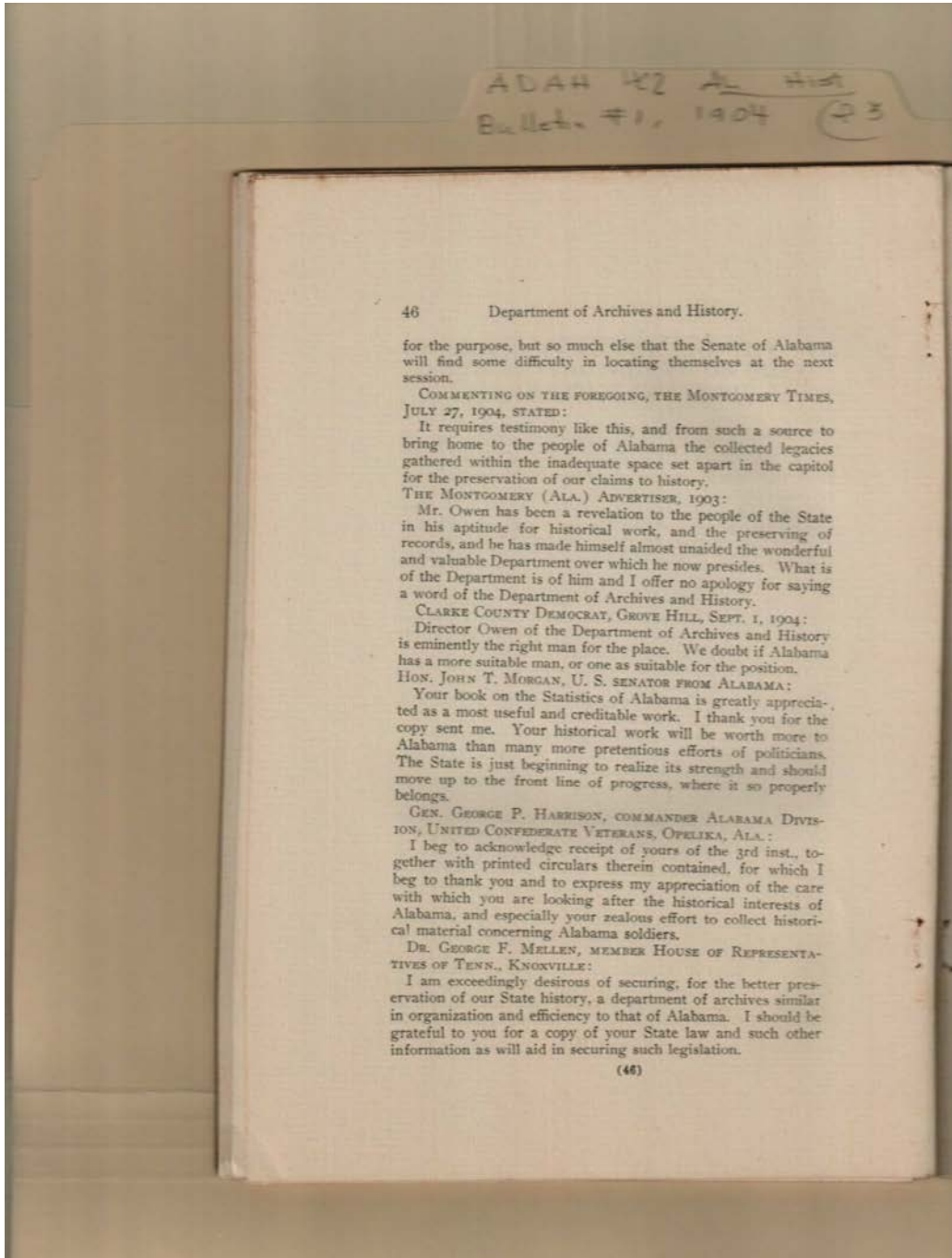
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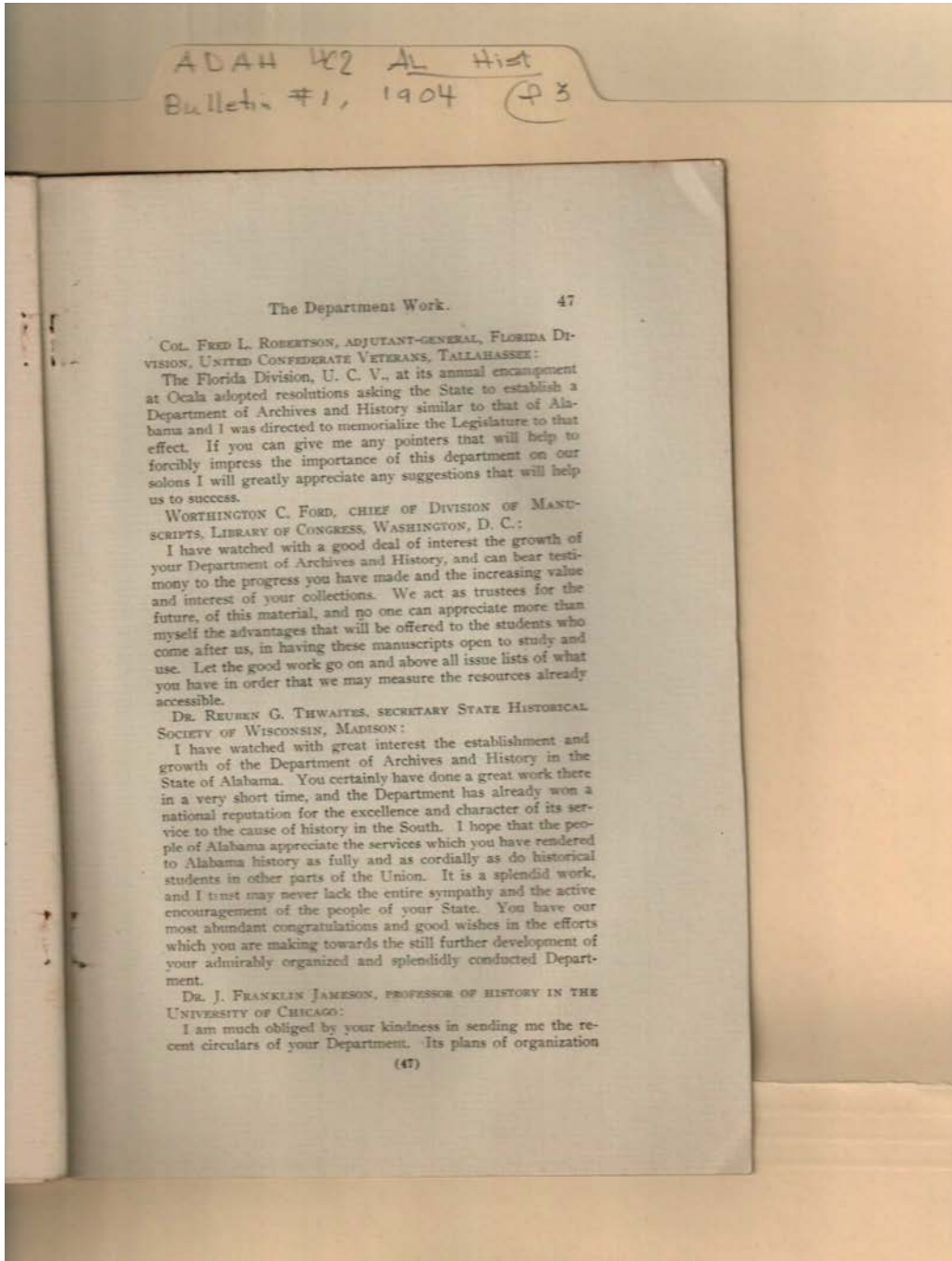
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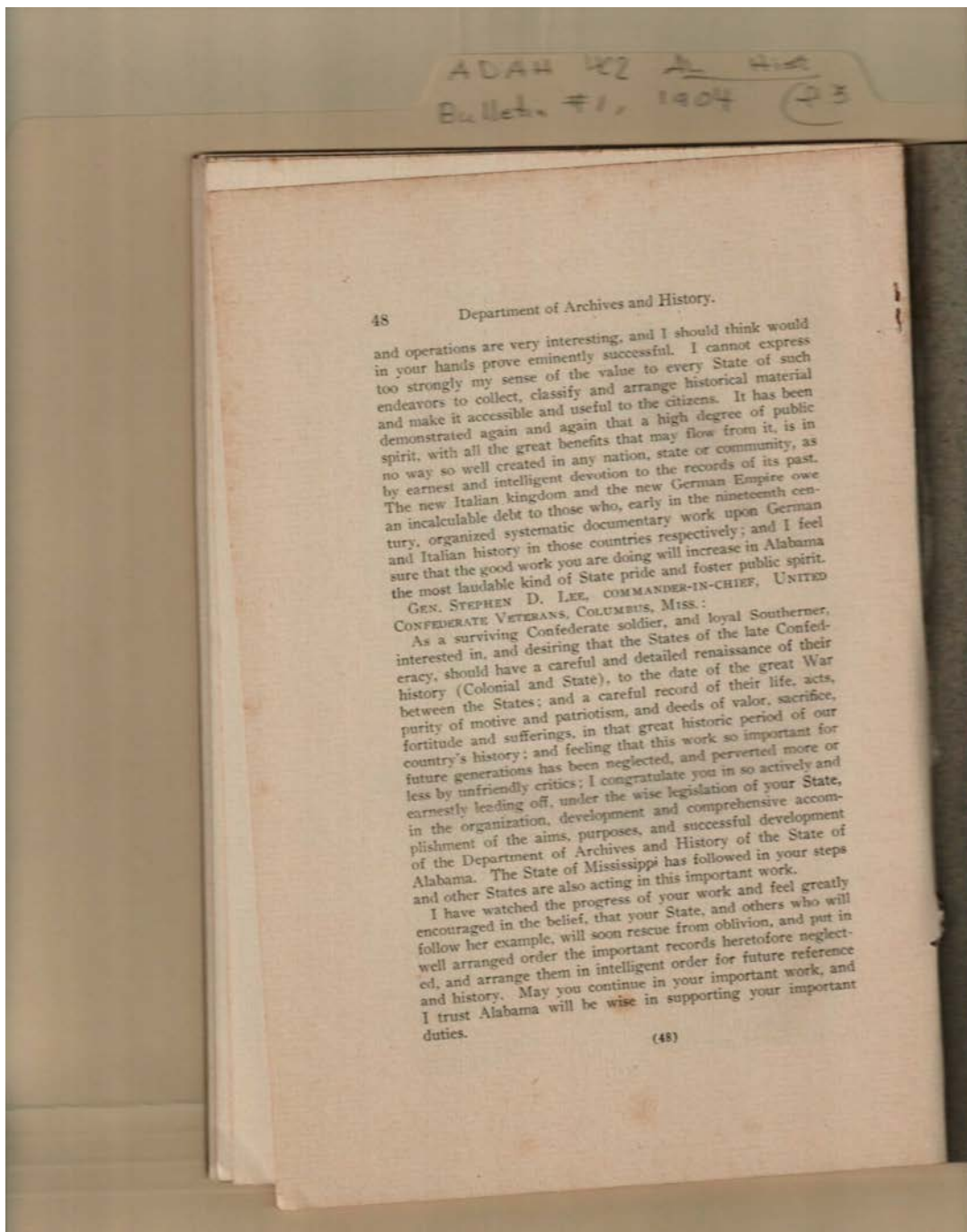
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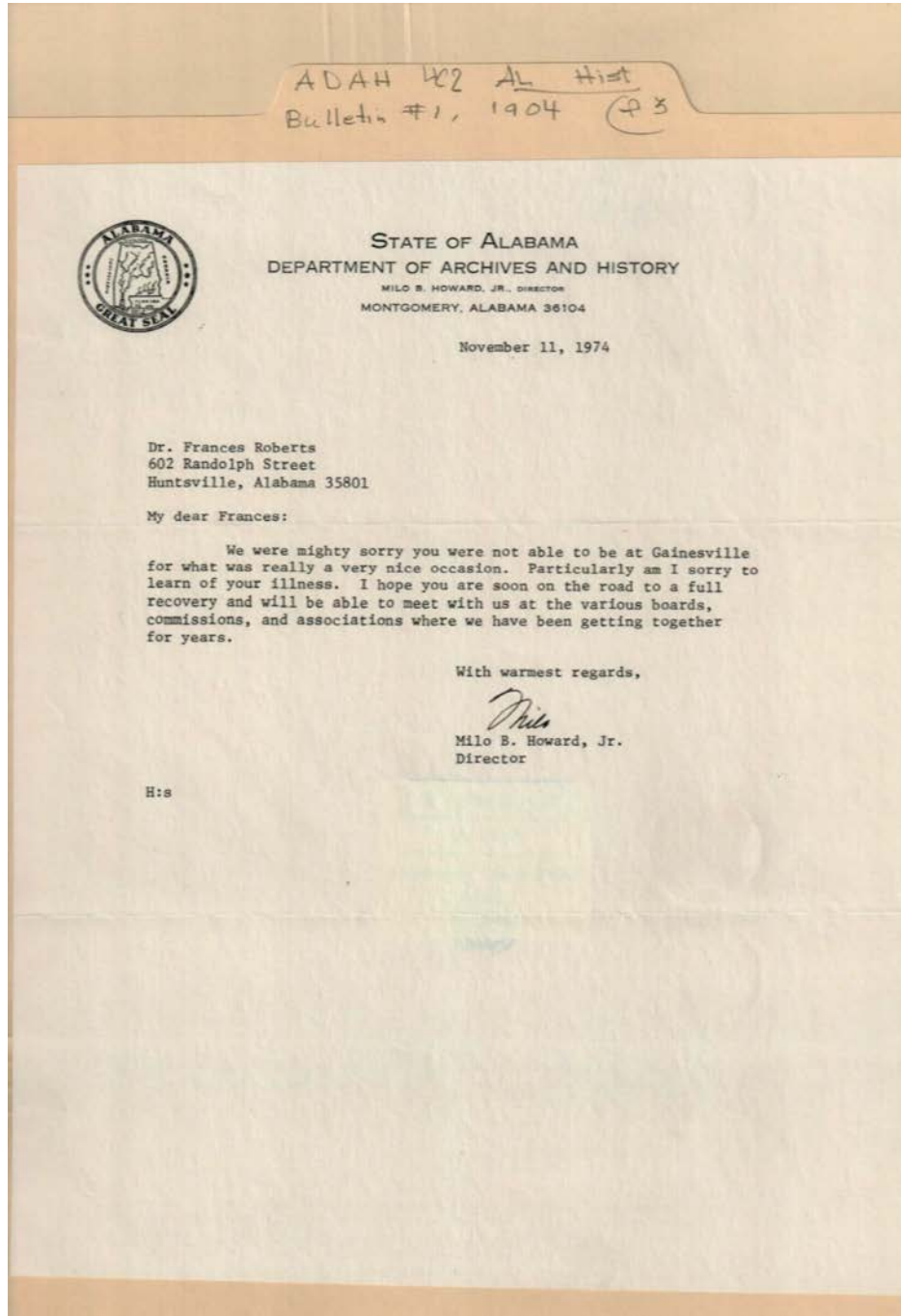
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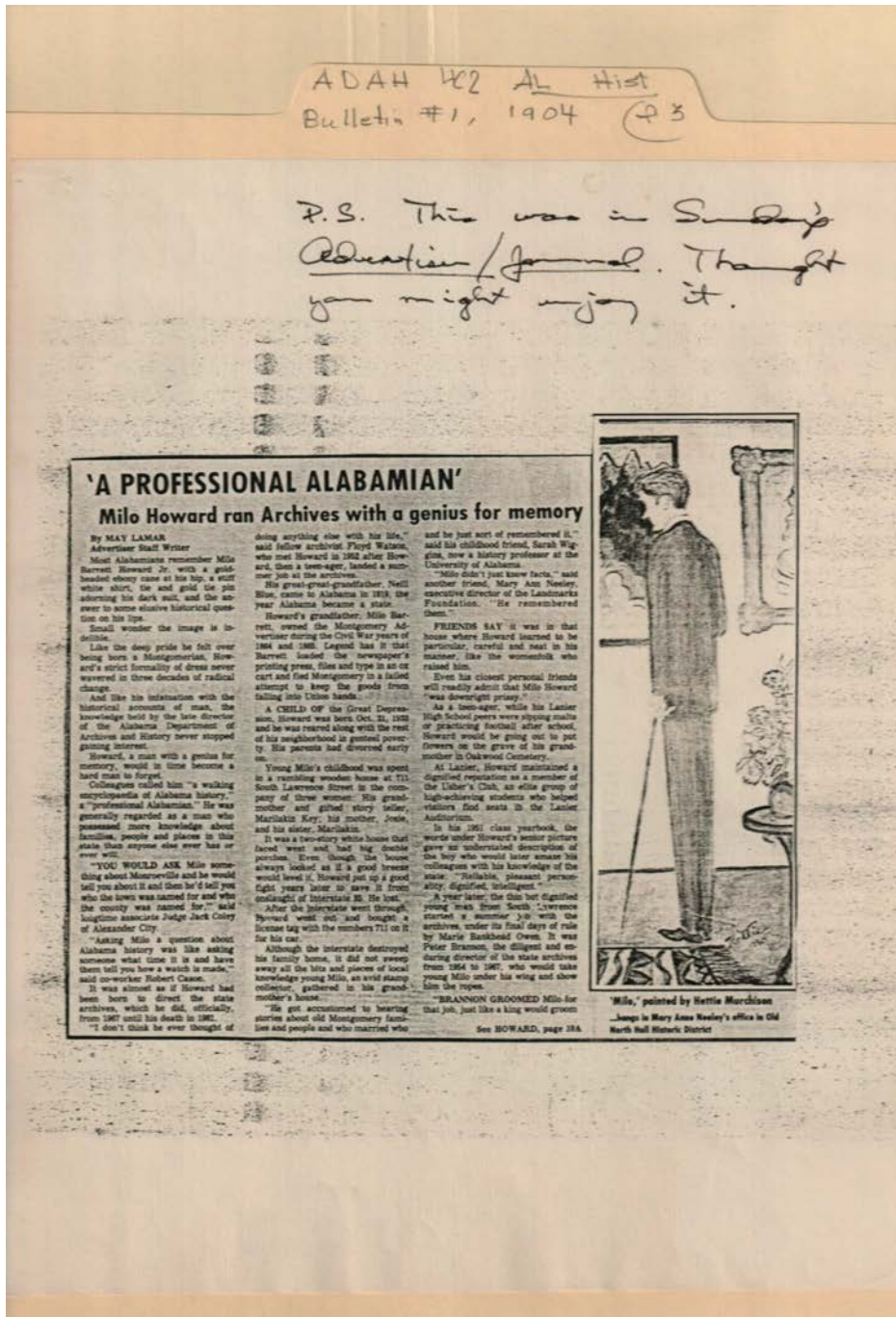
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Key, Marilakin

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Neeley, Mary Ann  
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Bankhead

Watson, Floyd  
Wiggins, Sarah  
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## Howard prepared like 'a king would groom a prince

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a prince to take over the throne," said Tom Conner, another of Howard's longtime friends.

Except for a two-year stint in the U.S. Army Reserve, Howard spent every summer in the building until he graduated from Auburn University with a master of arts degree in 1906.

Perhaps it was in college that Howard learned to love his religion. He said a friend did judicial work in return for meals in the Episcopal church on campus. Classmates referred to them as "the church mice."

In Montgomery, Howard was a devoted member of history-rich St. John's Episcopal Church, holding, among other offices, that of church historian.

Just as he learned the history of the St. John's building, the budding young historian worked his way through divisions after divisions at the archives during his early career. He came to know the building and its contents by heart.

"When he died, Milo took two important things with him," said Cason. "First, he took the facts in his head and secondly, he took his knowledge of where to find the answers — that is the most regrettable."

WHILE SERVING from 1903-07 as a reserve Army lieutenant at Fort Meade, Md., Howard lost one of his lungs to disease. It was one of two major health problems that plagued Howard, a heavy smoker, for the rest of his life.

In 1905, after working at the archives as both a curator and a researcher, Howard was provisionally appointed assistant director under Brannon, a post made permanent several months later.

According to fellow archivists, members of the department's board of trustees had urged Howard to assume the aging Brannon's directorship as early as 1906, but Howard "would not hear of it."

The director's post came in 1907, after Brannon suffered the heart attack that later killed him. Friends say that was a big step for Howard, but not a big change. He had been running things at the archives for two years.

One year later, on U.S. 82 near Centerville, Howard was hurt in a car accident that left him hospitalized for weeks with a fractured hip and injured back. During the accident, Howard was thrown out of one window of his car and thrown back into another window.

After the accident, Howard began using a walking cane from his late grandmother's formidable collection. He used the cane for the rest of his life, and some say, held onto it long after it was necessary.

REXIDE WEXEK, head of the history department at Auburn University at Montgomery, once asked Howard why he still used the cane so many years after the accident.

"It's fashionably lame," Howard replied.

But there is a different side to that story.

"What people didn't know was that Milo had constant back pain after the accident," said Mr. Wiggins.

"He would lecture at all the little historical societies all over the state and the little ladies would keep him standing for 45 minutes at a time after his lecture. He used the cane to lean on."

In fact, many of his longtime associates never learned Howard had only one lung. As was fitting for a man whose attire always seemed a trifle more formal than anyone else's, Howard wasn't one to discuss his personal life.

His physical appearance helped shape his reputation as a mused intellectual, a gentleman scholar of the upper crust, although he never had a great deal of money. His friends say Howard didn't set out to look like a stuffed shirt; that's just how it turned out.

He had a peculiar neck, no chest and long arms," said Mr. Wiggins. The length of his arms is one reason for his custom-made French cuff shirts. His "peculiar" neck was one reason for the inevitable high collar, drawn tight with a tie and tie pin.

WHEN IT RAINED he often wore a black rain cape. Coupled with his cane and dark suits, it made him look like something out of "Withering Heights."

His friends remember him, in various descriptions, as a man who might have been more comfortable in an earlier age.

"Milo Howard was the last of an era," said Cason. "Actually, he was a throwback."

Edwene Howard's close friend Cameron Napier: "He was a 19th century Victorian portman."

"Whatever a Southern gentleman is," said Mrs. Newley, "that is what he was."

Long-time friend and associate Jimmy Loeb put it this way: "Milo always knew what was cool."

Once asked by good friend Col. John Napier about his political beliefs, Howard replied, "John, I'm the last of the 19th century Whigs." Perhaps he felt comfortable dressing the part as well.

Sought after as both a speaker and guest for cocktails, Howard had a deep baritone voice that "sounded like it was coming out of a cathedral." He would often hesitate in his speech, and then start back up after the pause.

"He was long-winded," said Mrs. Napier. "Sometimes too long-winded."

FOR ALL HIS research and work, Howard's role as the state's chief historian did not prevent him from making business with pleasure, which, in Howard's case, often was the same thing.

"He was Montgomery's most knowledgeable hunchbody," said Mrs. Napier.

"He knew your pedigree to the umpteenth degree — and all the family skeletons, which he never raised."

With all his intelligence, though, Howard never gave up cigarettes, a habit he defended to the friends who urged him to break it. Lying in his hospital bed dying of lung cancer, Howard argued there was no scientific correlation between cigarettes and cancer.

"He had a way of looking down at you while blowing smoke through his nose that was an absolute put-down," said Napier.

But Howard did not put many people down. Although he did have a temper, Howard rarely displayed it to those other than his closest friends. He had an abundance of those.

It is said Milo Howard was a powerhouse at more funerals than anyone else in town. And when his friends experienced death or tragedy in their families, Howard would be there.

Ms. Wiggins described the scene after the death of a close friend's mother this way:

"THERE WAS MILO, tearing up newspaper and wrapping crystal, as if he didn't have anything else to do. He would just wake up earlier the next day and go to work."

Howard's days began early enough as it was. He would usually come in to his office around 6 a.m., and stay until around 4 in the evening. He regularly worked half-days on Saturdays and on Sundays after church.

It might be said that the archives became his family, especially after his two marriages failed.

His assistant, Marguerite Pierce, regularly brought Howard breakfast of a cheese and ham sandwich because he did not fix his own.

Today, he is remembered more for his work with people than for his talents as an administrator.

He once told Mrs. Pierce, "We're a keeper of records, but unless we can help people find what they want, it's no good."

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However, many of the programs he began in the 1960s seem more important to Alabama now than they did then.

For instance, in 1966, Howard founded the Montgomery Historical Society.

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Howard speaks before the Legislature in 1972

—a 'gentleman scholar' in dark suit, tie and starched white shirt

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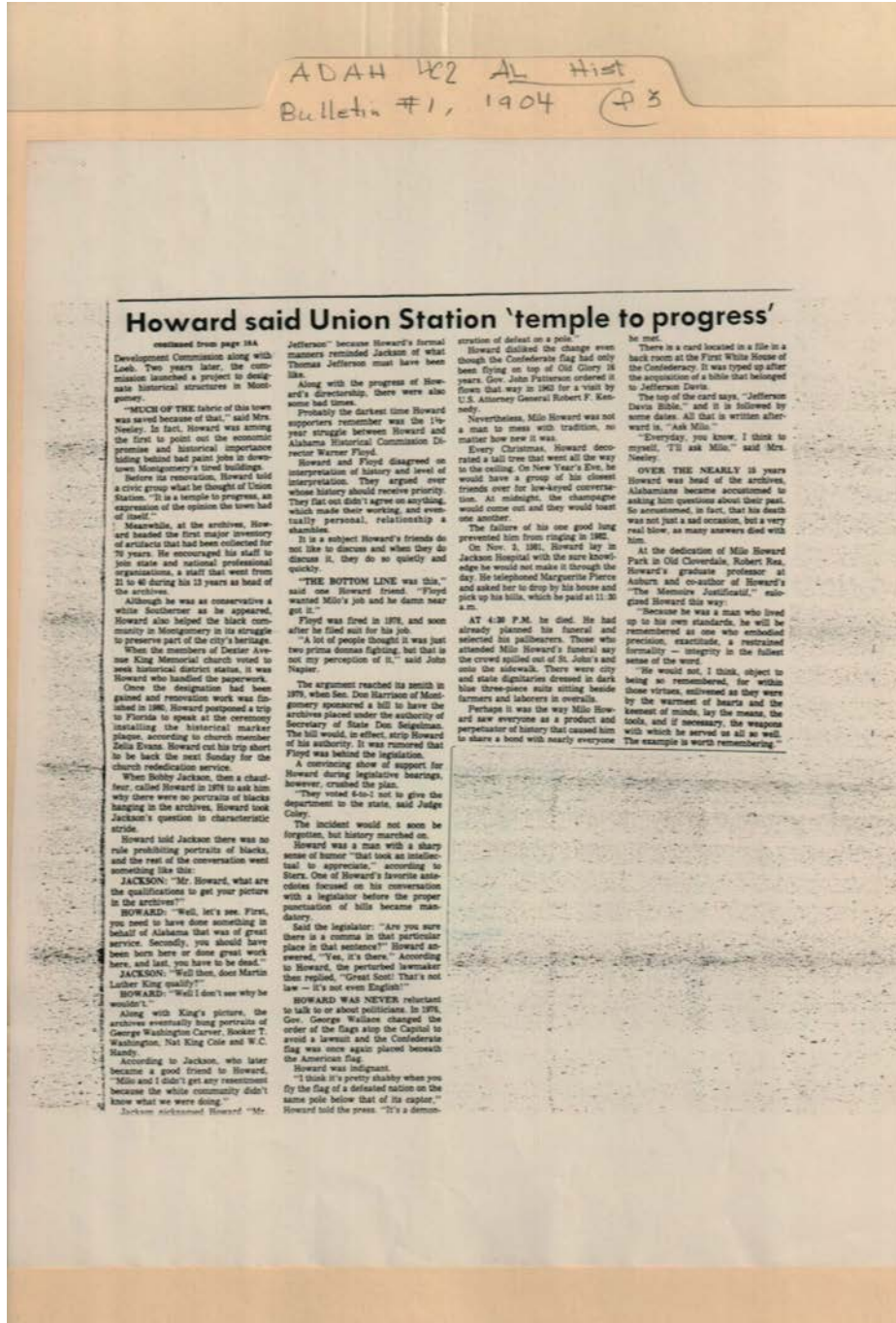
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