Guide to the Record Groups in the Pennsylvania State Archives.

Although this guide to some forty-six record groups consisting of approximately 20,000 cubic feet of provincial and state records held by the Pennsylvania State Archives identifies the records by series listing only, it is, nevertheless, a welcome aid principally in making more usable a rich research resource. One welcomes this attempt by the commission, as well as that of its earlier effort which resulted in the Guide to the Manuscript Groups in the Pennsylvania State Archives by Harry E. Whipkey (Harrisburg, 1976), to make its record and manuscript holdings more accessible bibliographically.

The Guide provides abbreviated descriptive administrative histories for the major agencies. A series title listing of record holdings with span dates and volume is additionally given. There are no summary or detailed descriptions of the data to be found in the series. The Guide does contain an index but at best it is a principal or summary index. There is far more to be gleaned from the Guide than one can infer from the index. While this effort reflects an initial attempt to provide keys to the use of an important repository, it is lamentable that insufficient funds prohibited an extensively detailed guide.

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This volume is a collection of papers that were originally presented at a series of archival workshops sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 1978. The workshops were designed to provide professional assistance to archivists throughout the commonwealth. The papers selected for publication provide a brief reference on many useful topics for the working archivist.

The major portion of the book is devoted to articles in three technical areas: archival methodology, including arrangement and de-