

them and wrote to the Board of Public Works recommending that they be destroyed.

On January 13, 1948, the Division of Unemployment Compensation of the Department of Employment Security offered us certain records for 1942 which were similar to those that had been previously destroyed. The offer was rejected, and authority to destroy the records was granted subsequently by the Board of Public Works. In a letter dated March 8, 1948, we were notified by the Division that the following materials had been destroyed by maceration:

Earnings Cards, 1942, 1,200 boxes.

Benefit Cards, Series of "C" checks, 1942, 60 boxes.

Employer Folders, 1942, 40 boxes.

Employer Pay Rolls and other miscellaneous items, 1942, all destroyed (quantity not specified).

On March 16, 1948, the State Tax Commission offered for deposit in the Hall of Records the following materials:

Certification of Incorporation

Amendments thereto

Stock Issuance Statements

Agreements of Merger

Articles of Reduction

Articles of Revival

Articles of Dissolution, and

Statements of Trust Receipt Financing.

The papers dated from 1941 to 1947 and totaled about 13,900 documents, each averaging about five to eight pages. Each document had been recorded by the Commission and also by the Clerk of the Court in the county where the principal office of the corporation is located.

The Archivist refused to accept the records because he did not consider them old enough to justify storage in the Hall of Records. He pointed out that the material could not be destroyed because it was less than five years old and also because the Board of Public Works had already ruled that the Commission could not destroy "charter records and other records which ought to be retained permanently."