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## PREFACE

Under the authority contained in a legislative act of February 27, 1901 which created the Alabama Department of Archives and History, the 1979 edition of the *Alabama Official and Statistical Register*, has been prepared and published:

"...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 institutions, with officials; (4) State and County population statistics; and (5) miscellaneous statistics; and said register shall be published in an edition of one thousand copies for free distribution, the printing and binding hereinbefore provided." (*Acts, 1900-1901, #476, p. 130.*)

In 1919 the publication period was changed from two years to four years by legislative appropriational and budgetary adjustments, and has allowed the *Register* to be published by quadrennial gubernatorial administrations. It has never been changed by statute.

The *Register* presents in narrative and statistical form the governmental organization of Alabama with informational data regarding its affairs and services. All names and dates are drawn from authoritative or official sources. Only facts regarded to be reliable have been admitted.

Known in many states as "blue books," reference works of this character are regarded as of first importance. We hope that this volume will be of use and value, and that it will be a permanent contribution to the literature of Alabama. The last edition was dated in 1975.

The editor thanks the Archives staff members who aided in research and helped with the *Register's* compilation and development. Sarah Ann Warren was given the responsibility of revamping the Register and researching the history of the various chapters. Emily S. Adams helped in compiling the data in Chapter II. Appreciation goes to the Alabama Bureau of Publicity and Information and the Alabama Development Office for allowing the use of their illustrations of the "Camellia" and "Pine Tree;" to the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Alabama for the use of its illustrations of the "State Capitol" and the "Governor's Mansion;" the latter two sketches drawn by Thomas Connor of Montgomery for the Landmarks Foundation.



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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To His Excellency  
Governor Forrest Hood (Fob) James  
Executive Office  
State Capitol  
Montgomery, Alabama

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the ALABAMA OFFICIAL AND STATISTICAL REGISTER for 1979, which is issued every four years. Every effort has been made to present in these pages accurate information about official personnel of the State at the present time, together with a considerable body of other information bearing upon the State.

One thousand copies of this volume will be issued by the State for free distribution to public officials, libraries, and others in accordance with the law.\*

Very respectfully,

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Director  
Alabama Department of  
Archives & History

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