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Native American Archives: An Introduction. JOHN A. FLECKNER. Chicago: The Society of American Archivists, 1984. viii, 70 p. \$5.00 (members), \$7.00 (non-members).

As native communities in Canada assume increasing responsibility for their affairs the need for consideration of band or tribal administered archival programmes becomes apparent. The achievements of the Native American Archives Project, of which this booklet is an example, should be viewed with interest. The book identifies the role of archives in helping fulfil the administrative, educational, and cultural needs of native communities. It illustrates how an active records management programme results in a more efficient administration of native governments and highlights the place of multi-media archives in the understanding and presentation of native heritage. The booklet suggests guidelines for establishing an archive, addresses such questions as acquisition strategy, conservation, and access, and identifies sources for assistance in creating an archival programme. A short bibliography of basic archival literature is provided.

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The Story of the Royal Ottawa Hospital. RONALD J.F. POWER. Ottawa: Mutual Press Ltd., 1985. 64 p.

Since 1910, the Royal Ottawa Hospital has evolved from a tuberculosis sanatorium into a mental health and physical rehabilitation hospital. Using a variety of documents from the Royal Ottawa's own files as well as from other sources such as the City of Ottawa Archives, the Lung Association of Ottawa-Carleton, and the Public Archives of Canada, Ronald Power tells not only the story of the institution, but also the story of the struggle to overcome tuberculosis in Eastern Ontario. He puts the "miracle of the empty beds" of the 1960s into firm historical perspective, treating that phenomenon not so much as an end in itself, but as an achievement which has enabled the Royal Ottawa to advance into new

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