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Institutional History

The South Jersey Exposition was held at the Camden Civic Center during July-September 1926 to commemorate the opening of the Delaware River bridge. The event was designed to advertize the industrial, agricultural, residential, and recreational advantages of southern New Jersey counties. By Joint Resolution No. 15, passed 1 April 1926, the state legislature authorized the creation of a special commission for state participation in the exposition. The commission was composed of twenty-two members, with the following officers: Volney Bennett (Camden County), President; James J. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer; and J. David Stern (Camden County), Vice President. With an appropriation of \$50,000, the commission arranged exhibits intended to better acquaint the public with the functions and activities of state departments. During their three-month display, the state exhibits were viewed by approximately 275,000 visitors. The commission awarded engraved diplomas to the participating departments (whose directors personally manned the exhibits).

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The report of the State Commission of the South Jersey Exposition is essentially a photograph album showing the various state government displays at the exposition. The photographs are 8"x10" B&W glossy prints; each is accompanied by a description of the exhibit shown. This series includes two copies of the commission report, one of which was apparently presented to Governor A. Harry Moore.

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