

## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The textual records of this microfilm were created by the United States Weather Bureau and predecessor agencies. They consist of the following series, (1) monthly and quarterly reports received by the Office of the Surgeon General, 1819-59, (2) monthly reports of volunteer observers for the Smithsonian Institution, 1840-59, (3) weekly and monthly reports of regular stations of the Signal Office and of the Weather Bureau, 1870-92, and (4) monthly reports of volunteer observers for the Signal Office and the Weather Bureau, 1874-92. The records were transferred to the National Archives, where they have been collated and arranged alphabetically by state; within each state, alphabetically by names of localities; under each locality, by series in the sequence given above; and under each series, chronologically. This is the arrangement followed in the List of Climatological Records, published by the National Archives (Washington, 1942), which bulletin contains detailed information about the records and serves as a guide to them.