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To the Archives Exchanges between Bulgaria and Romania – Past, Present, Perspectives

(Abstract)

The main theme of this survey concerns the problems about Bulgarian and Romanian collaboration in the sphere of the archival heritage in both countries. It traces the first publications of importance for Bulgarian historiography on documental sources, mainly found in Romanian depots. This activity began in the late 19th century. It is well known that Romania has an opportunity to offer to the Bulgarian researchers more archival sources than Bulgarian archives could ever offer to their Romanian colleagues. Thus one of the accents of this paper is about the formation of a unique collection of microfilms of documents about Bulgarian history in the Central State Archive in Bulgaria from the Romanian state archives. These microfilms have been gained through the way of the official exchange between the two countries during the 20th century as a part of a cultural and scientific collaboration. It began in 1965 and still stands in negotiations for what is more necessary to be done. The author’s aim is to show as possible as she can, what was the document collecting policy of the institutions, concerning the history of the exchange between the two neighboring countries and the problems of collecting nowadays, still waiting for resolving in front of researchers and institutions.