Ancient Archives on the Web

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Abstract: Researching the ancient archives such as classical Athens with online resources depicts archives as the foundation of democracy. I discussed Classical Athenian archival system in 2010 and Hellenic archives in 2014 SAA Research Forum. This year I try to figure out the relationship between the function of Boule (Council) and the holdings of Metroon (Demosion, old Bouleuterion) again. This concept will be extended to Bouleuterion in Delphi, Olympia and other Hellenic cities which are estimated to hold records. My start point is the search in Perseus Digital Library and explore the World Wide Web which has been highly developed and open to public for recent four years. Bouleuterion in Roman Republic, Aerarium was lost in fire. Tabularium succeeded it. Roman Emperors left their records. Eastern Roman Empire Emperor Justianus I stated Archivum as archeion in his codes, which seems to be affected to European tradition of archives.

Comparing with citations for these European ancient archives, online resources of some archival materials in ancient or medieval Japan are introduced.

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