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FLORIDA, NATION LOSE RECORDS MANAGEMENT PIONEER

Edward N. Johnson, one of the nation's most respected leaders in the development of records management, died May 12 in Tallahassee. Mr. Johnson, who guided Florida's archives and records management programs through their infancy as Chief of the Bureau of Archives and Records Management, was 80 years old.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Johnson served as an archivist at the National Archives. In his long career of government service, he also served as Operations Advisor to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization and as Assistant Director for Alien Registration. He was a Foreign Service Officer with postings as Public Administration Advisor to the governments of Iran and Tunisia. At the National Archives he was responsible for the government-wide evaluation of federal agencies' efforts to control and manage paperwork. In 1978, he led President Carter's Task Force on Archives and Records Management.

He was chairman of the National Advisory Committee on the Management, Preservation, and

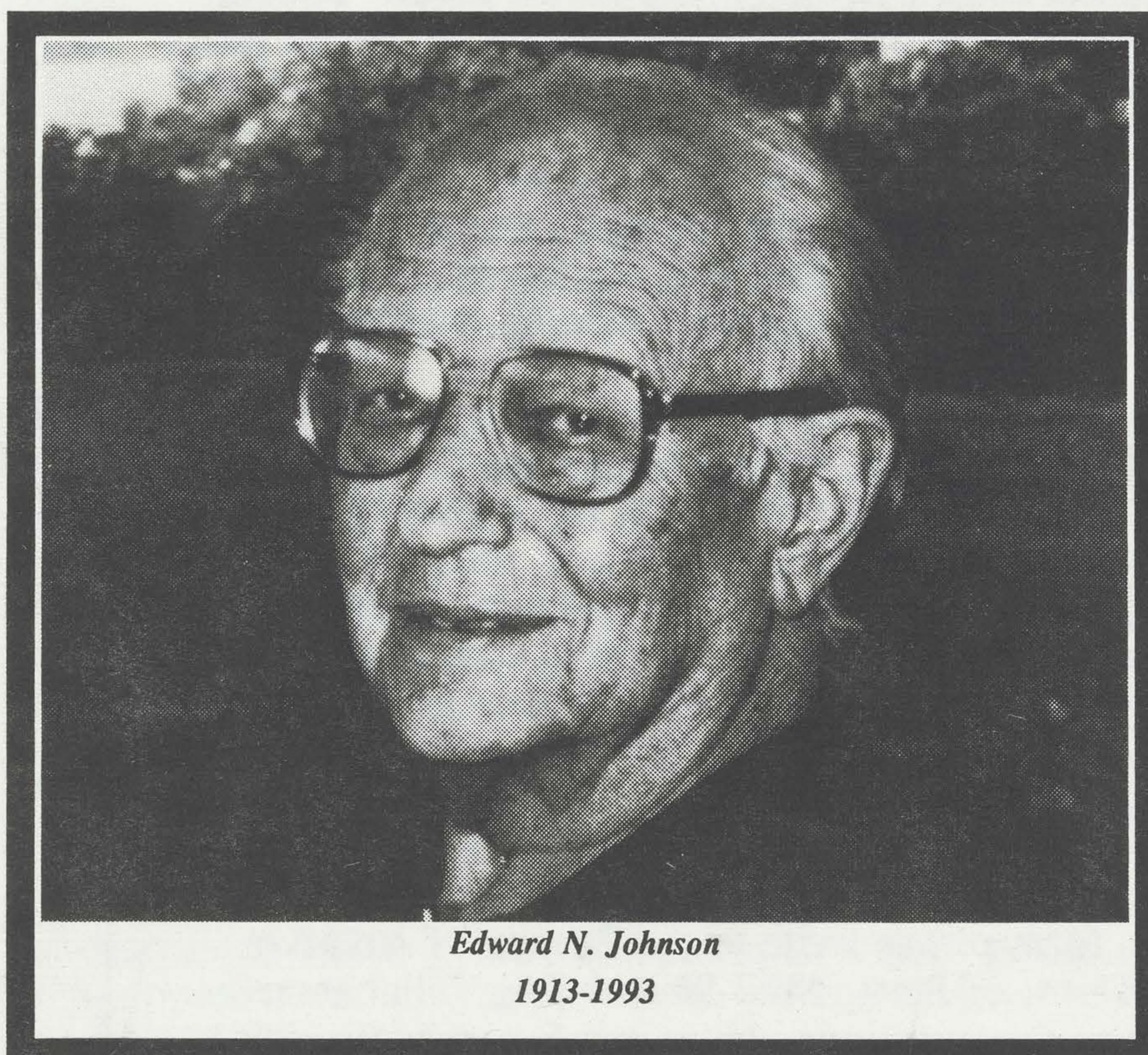
Use of Local Government Records during that group's period of planning and organization. In

at the Royal Melbourne Institute in Australia. Other teaching credits include an adjunct professorship at Florida State University; an instructor at the University of Teheran, Iran; and as workshop director for the Center for Science and Technology at American University.

He was a Certified Records Manager, a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, a member of Florida's State Historical Records Advisory Board, and winner of the 1976 Leahy Award for professional contributions to the field of records management.

Those of us who had the privilege of working with Ed Johnson can appreciate on a personal

level the contribution this gentleman made to our profession. Archivists and records managers around the world have lost a mentor, teacher, and friend.



Edward N. Johnson
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addition, he chaired the Policy Board for the National Information Center for Local Government Records.

After designing, implementing, and heading the archives and records management programs for the State of Florida, he left the grind of day-to-day operations of state government and served as Executive Director of ARMA, International and was a visiting Fellow in information management

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