

lived only long enough to see this volume off the press. His was a major share in its production.

IN PREPARATION

Maryland Guide.

Elsewhere in this Report I have explained the legal difficulties which have beset our efforts to issue a revised edition of this WPA production of 1940. Since it may be several years before we can publish, we have not thought it wise to give this manuscript the highest priority. However, we have continued our field work on the Eastern Shore and in Southern Maryland.

The County Courthouses and Records of Maryland: Publication No. 12 of the Hall of Records Commission.

The volume which has been in preparation for some years is now nearing completion. It has been especially time consuming because so much of the field work has depended on the cooperation and knowledge of officials and private citizens of the counties. Nothing of this kind has ever been attempted for the Maryland Counties and we feel, therefore, that it is a necessary task and one which deserves our best efforts.

Reviews

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REPAIR AND BINDING

I have not for some years included in my annual reports comparative figures for the repair room. The lamination of records has, of course, continued to be our chief preoccupation. Records are prepared for lamination by one full-time worker and one volunteer—the bulk of it, of course, is the work of our full-time employee who also operates the laminator for her helper as well as for herself. The steady increase in the number of pages treated may be attributed to two causes. First, our operator over the years has improved her technique, and second, the greater part of the most difficult work in our collection has already been done. Much of the current and future work will be with records which may be laminated without too much attention to replacing loose pieces or other special handling. We are satisfied that we can keep abreast of our needs with the single worker now engaged in this work.