

The non-current county land record film exposed by our staff or filmed for the Hall of Records by the Clerks of Court and inspected by our personnel is presented below:

<i>County</i>	STAFF	<i>Reels</i>
Prince George's.....		19
CLERKS		
Anne Arundel.....		3
Baltimore.....		19
Frederick.....		51
Prince George's.....		49
Total		<u>122</u>

Ninety-five reels of county records, filmed by Hall and McChesney, were added to the microfilm collection of the Hall of Records. Fifty-four of these consisted of miscellaneous Circuit Court records and the remaining forty-one contained records of the Orphans' Courts and Registers of Wills.

OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

The members of the Hall of Records Commission have been aware for the last three years of our difficulty in clarifying the ownership of the *Maryland Guide*, which was originally prepared by the Writers' Project of the WPA and published by the Oxford University Press. After unsatisfactory efforts to negotiate with the Oxford Press, the Attorney General was asked to advise us. He concluded that "the agreement with the Oxford University Press had been terminated if it has declined to reprint or publish a new edition of the work, provided demand has been made upon them to do so." (This opinion may be found in a letter of Stedman Prescott, Jr. to Dr. Morris L. Radoff, dated July 25, 1958, and printed in the *Twenty-Third Annual Report of the Archivist*.)

Since the Archivist was not certain that notice had been given in proper form, he sent formal and explicit notice to the Oxford University Press and enclosed a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General. Approximately one year later he asked whether in the opinion of the Attorney General sufficient time had been allowed for compliance following notice. The reply, which is herewith reproduced, gave assurance that this was the case: