

not lose, but the need for the Hall of Records to contribute varying, but always considerable, amounts of its appropriations to this work was not clear. It is hoped that after the present critical shortage of photographic materials has passed there will not be a resumption of the old policy. Total receipts for copies made of our own records amounted to \$173.00 which is approximately the same as the previous year.

A great deal of progress was made during the last year in the photocopying of county records. All of the originals which were copied remained at the Hall of Records, the copies were sent to the county courthouses. Besides increasing our own collection, we were thus able to return to the counties a permanent record on all-rag paper and newly bound so that the counties benefited as well as the Hall of Records. In addition, once copies are placed in the courthouses the record in one form or the other is reasonably secure against loss due to the hazards of war or those of peace. The following volumes were completed in the course of the year:

Prince George's County Deeds, 6 volumes.....	3767 pages
Somerset County Deeds, 9 volumes.....	3330 pages
Frederick County Judgments, 7 volumes.....	6083 pages
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Total, 22 volumes.....	13180 pages

This work was accomplished by Allison Trader who resigned on December 1, 1941, Arthur Miller who succeeded Mr. Trader and resigned in turn on April 1, 1942, Mrs. Margaret White who is the present photographic operator and George Garner who for several months has been employed for night work.

Funds for this county record work were provided by the clerks of the courts of Frederick and Prince George's County and by the Hall of Records.

MICROFILM

Our second year of microfilming was devoted almost entirely to the copying of those of our own records which we are especially anxious to protect against war time hazards. In spite of the shortage of materials and the demands of this war work, we felt it necessary to make rather lengthy copies of Provincial Court Judgments, Chancery Proceedings, Court of Appeals Judgments and Wills for scholars who were concluding works for publication and who were prevented from coming to the Hall of Records in person.