

Finally, after an unsteady start during the previous fiscal year, the county microfilm program has been pushed vigorously by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. By the end of the new fiscal year all of the Land Records of Maryland through 1850 and all of the bound Probate Records through the same year will have been filmed. No other state will have anything to compare with this rich source of historical material. Unfortunately, the Mormon Church has no interest in materials after 1850, so that, should a courthouse be lost by fire or otherwise, we would be able to recreate only the "Historical" records. Do the members of the Hall of Records Commission feel that later records should also be filmed at the expense of the State or the Counties? Or do our responsibilities end at an arbitrary date which marks the end of the "Historical" period?

The Members of the Hall of Records Commission will be gratified to learn that the building was painted last year and the floors treated for the first time since 1935. This work was made possible by a generous grant of \$4,500 by the Board of Public Works. It is not so pleasant to report that the air conditioning system has faltered badly and that some damage to our records resulted. The Department of Public Improvements, to whom this matter was referred, has brought it to the attention of the Board of Public Works. Competent engineers have been appointed to make a thorough survey, and it is hoped that improvements can be made before the onset of another hot, humid summer.

Respectfully submitted,

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