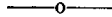


records of the various State agencies. The Hall of Records is equipped to repair and restore records committed to its custody.

The Hall of Records also maintains a library of official publications of the various State agencies, and all State agencies are required to deposit one copy of each official publication at the Hall of Records (Code 1951, Art. 41, sec. 121). The Hall of Records is further responsible for the editing and preparation of the MARYLAND MANUAL.

Appropriations	1953	1954
General Fund	\$78,368	\$84,342

Staff: 17.



DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION

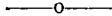
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The Department of Information was authorized by the Board of Public Works in 1948 as a division of the Hall of Records Commission. In 1949, the General Assembly established it as a separate agency. The Department is the central agency for the dissemination of information concerning the State. Under law, the agency is empowered to collect and assemble data about Maryland and distribute it in the form of maps, films, photographs, pamphlets, posters, press and radio releases and by other means to the public in general and to institutions of learning in particular. It is further authorized to promote the interests of Maryland and its products. In this respect the Department serves as a center of information for the encouragement of tourism and vacation trade in the State (Code 1951, Art. 41, secs. 198, 199).

Appropriations	1953	1954
General Fund	\$36,166	\$32,773

Staff: 6.



WAR RECORDS DIVISION

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The War Records Division was established in 1945. The Division was established under delegation of authority from the Board of Public Works to the Maryland Historical Society for the purpose of collecting and assembling data and records in regard to Maryland's participation in World War II. The Division is securing information regarding the service record of each Maryland resident who was a member of the Armed Forces during the War. In addition the Division is collecting data concerning the participation of Maryland industry as well as information about the activities of civic and patriotic groups during the War. The Division is further authorized to publish such material as is necessary to give a complete and accurate history of Maryland's participation in and contribution to World War II (Acts 1945, ch. 728).

Appropriations	1953	1954
General Fund	\$20,530	\$15,350

Staff: 8.