

National Historical Records Survey the Hall of Records received 258 volumes of record inventories of county and municipal government, manuscript depositories and federal agencies in the States. Some of these volumes are extremely valuable to us. They are all accessioned and catalogued and made available to the public.

The Archivist was extremely fortunate to be able to preserve the HRS project of six workers at the Hall of Records when the total for the State was reduced to 35 and every other worker outside Baltimore was dismissed. All of these workers are now in their second year at least at the Hall of Records, and by now each one knows his work thoroughly. Understanding of their work plus diligence and interest have combined to make them of great value to us. Their work now runs the whole gamut of record servicing: cleaning, unfolding, sorting, arranging, boxing, listing, labelling, indexing, filing. What they have accomplished will appear in this report under Reception and Arrangement, Accessioning, and Aids to Research especially; it will suffice here to say that without them much of the very first materials which came to the Hall of Records, the deposits from the Land Office and the Court of Appeals, would not yet be serviced. It is inconceivable that the collection of court papers and Original Laws from the Court of Appeals would now be unfolded, boxed, arranged, accessioned and ready for cataloguing and use without them. It was planned in 1938 to have this work done in ten years; it is now done and over with along with very much more. We have no doubt that the taxpayers' money has been well invested at the Hall of Records.

A clerical project of the National Youth Administration which was granted to the Hall of Records during the fiscal year 1939-1940 was continued during the past year. The number of workers, all girls except one, varied from twelve to twenty-eight through the year. For the NYA we must provide clerical work exclusively, that is stenography, typewriting, filing. How large their work appears in our total for the year is apparent when it is considered that no cards were inserted in our files during the year by a regular member of the staff, and well over 100,000 were typed, filed, and made available. The WPA did some of this work but the bulk was done by the NYA. Without the NYA we should not even have considered doing the index to Maryland Volunteers in the Union Armies or the index to Testamentary Proceedings. The indexing of the large