MICROFILM

Our microfilm equipment was used almost exclusively during the fiscal year to complete our program of filming our major records in order to insure them against loss by war hazards. Two operators were especially employed until January 1943, after which only one was needed to complete the work shortly after the end of the fiscal year. Since no further major project is in view at present, the remaining operator is no longer employed, and such microfilming as is necessary from time to time is cared for by the Photocopyist.

The following materials amounting to 319 volumes (116 rolls of film) were completed during the year:

Anne Arundel County Deeds and Wills The Rainbow Series Court of Appeals Judgments Court of Appeals Decrees

Western Shore General Court Eastern Shore General Court

Wills and Inventories, (not taken previously because of existing copies, various indexes).

EMERGENCY RELIEF AGENCIES

Of the two Federal Emergency Relief Agencies whose workers were employed at the Hall of Records, the National Youth Administration and the Work Projects Administration, the former had been abolished before the beginning of the last fiscal year; the latter was represented by only one worker who left the Hall of Records when all WPA projects were closed in January, 1943. This last worker assisted in microfilming those records which we felt must be insured against all war hazards no matter how remote. In furthering this project our single worker acted under the direction of the Congress which stipulated that WPA employees could be used only in Direct War or Civilian Defense work.

During the two years in which the NYA and WPA maintained large projects at the Hall of Records, much progress was made in arranging, indexing and cataloguing our records, more progress in fact than had been thought possible for anything less than a ten-year period for the regular staff. The Archivist is, of course, happy that the conditions which called forth relief agencies no longer exist; however,