

amount be reverted to the General Funds of the State Treasury clearing our books of any balances from the fiscal years 1942 and 1943 to be carried over into the fiscal year 1945.

General Appropriations for the fiscal year 1944 were \$31,268.00. The sum of \$1,625.00 was appropriated to our Budget Item No. 208-B for the photostating of certain county records. This amount was transferred from the General Emergency Funds by budget amendment bringing the total of our appropriation to \$32,893.00. In addition, \$4.16 was added to Budget Item No. 305 representing a refund received from the Puritan Compressed Gas Corporation on a Cylinder taken out and paid for July 29, 1941 and returned November 13, 1943. Of the total amount, \$32,897.16, \$27,669.78 was expended: \$1,554.75 reverted to the Treasury; and \$3,672.63 was carried forward.

General Appropriations	\$ 32,893.00	
Receipts	4.16	\$ 32,897.16
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General Expenditures	27,669.78	
Carried Forward	3,672.63	31,342.41
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Reverted to the Treasury.....		\$ 1,554.75
Receipts for Photostating, Microfilming, Certifying, Hall of Records Publications, HRS Publications, Proof- reading and postage this year.....		589.25
Receipts for 1943 (9 months).....		279.42
Receipts for 1942.....		302.57

Receipts for services performed by the Hall of Records are deposited to the credit of the General Funds of the State Treasury.

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Due in part to the difficulties of wartime travel and also in part to the illness of the Archivist which prevented him from traveling for several months there were no talks made by members of the staff on archival or historical subjects. This is a valuable part of our work for the Hall of Records and in general for the cause of record preservation in Maryland and it will be resumed as soon as it becomes feasible again.

Mr. Thomas attended the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists which was held at Princeton University in November 1943. The Society appointed Mr. Thomas to serve as a member of the Auditing Committee and of the Publicity Committee. The Archivist