

Talbot County Land Records	
Liber M. T. W. No. 1, 1698-1699.....	260 pages
Liber J. T. No. 19, 1759-1769	558 pages
R. S. No. 21, 1777-1784.....	460 pages
Talbot County Wills	
Liber E. M., 1665-1716	308 pages
Liber H. B. No. 2, 1726-1746.....	472 pages
J. B. No. 3, 1777-1785	220 pages
1785-1794	364 pages
Testamentary Proceedings	
Liber J. B. No. 4	
Liber 22, 1711-1715	548 pages
Wills	
Liber 1, 1637-1674	640 pages
Worcester County Land Records	
Liber K, 1746-1784	752 pages
TOTAL.....	27,718 pages

PHOTOCOPYING

The close of the fiscal year brought us within sight of the end of our county records photostating project. We completed about half of the work in Cecil County along with what remained of Montgomery and Talbot Counties. Only two full counties remain, Harford and Caroline. Since both were erected in 1773 photostating their land records through 1788 will be a minor task. It is hardly possible that the whole program will not have been completed by the end of the current fiscal year.

When this program began, in 1941, it was thought that after its completion it might then be worthwhile to extend the terminal date to 1800 or perhaps later. This no longer seems to be worthwhile. Since 1941 the cost of photostating equipment and supplies has increased so much as to become prohibitive for work of this kind. Moreover, experience has indicated that intensive research work in the county land records is pretty much confined to the period which we have almost completed and finally the microfilm copies for all the land records of the State, which we now have through the year 1850, should take care of every need. After 1850 the abstracts of land records in the office of the Land Commissioner are relatively complete—there were none of course before 1784. Beginning with 1949 the abstract system is being abandoned in favor of microfilm of the bound records. Therefore, there seems little need to do any more photocopying of the county land records.

Use of the film of county land records has increased greatly as the section devoted to Circulation will indicate. It is only necessary to point