

STATE ACCIDENT FUND

On November 6, 1951, we were offered the records listed below by the Superintendent of the State Accident Fund. We refused them on November 8 and at a meeting held on November 16, the Board of Public Works authorized their destruction. The certificate of destruction states the following records were destroyed on March 18, 1952:

Workmen's Compensation Claims, 1938-1940, 120 file drawers.

Claimants Compensation Checks, 1938-1940, 19 file boxes.

Cancelled Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policies, 1938-1940,
3 file drawers.

MICROFILMING OF COUNTY RECORDS

At the beginning of fiscal year 1951, the Board of Public Works contracted with Records Engineering, Incorporated of Washington to microfilm all deeds, mortgages and releases of mortgages which had been recorded in the counties in the previous year. These films were to be deposited in the office of the Commissioner of the Land Office in lieu of the abstracts which had been required prior to the passage of Chapter 504, Acts of 1949. The Hall of Records maintained a nominal supervision over this filming operation. Since an appreciable part of the cost of the film was the time involved in travelling, setting up equipment, running tests, *et cetera*, we thought this would be a good opportunity to begin some of the historical and insurance filming which we had long contemplated and which could be done by the camera operator after he had completed the land records in each county. With the permission of the Hall of Records Commission, and without use of Hall of Records funds, we were able to film the recorded Wills series in every county from the terminal date of the work done by the Utah Genealogical Society — about 1850 — through 1950. A list of these records was given in the *Sixteenth Annual Report*.

County microfilming was again in the hands of Records Engineering, Incorporated for fiscal year 1952. We were undecided about what additional filming we should do. Some probate materials, such as Inventories or Accounts would be of great value to genealogists, especially since records of this kind are usually indexed. The Land Records would, of course, have many uses, but we had film through 1850 and the Land Office had abstracts which were fairly complete after that date. We narrowed the choice between Proceedings of the County Courts and Proceedings of the Orphans' Courts,