

COUNTY LAND RECORD PROJECT

When I reported on the state of this project last year, I advised you that the Hall of Records had acquired in microfilm copy the full Land Record series of Calvert County. In fiscal year 1957 we completed one other county, Caroline. In addition, we made excellent progress in four of the five large concentrations of such records in Maryland, namely, Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Prince George's Counties and Baltimore City. Progress was made also in Queen Anne's and Howard Counties. We made no effort to begin the project in other counties because the amount of film to be checked and accessioned is already more than we can take care of with our present staff. We did none of the microfilming ourselves except for Anne Arundel County, where the courthouse is only a few blocks from our building. The work in Caroline County was done by a special operator employed by the Clerk of the Court for this purpose. In the other counties and in Baltimore City filming was done by regular members of the clerk's staff.

The total amount of film which was received and placed on our shelves is found in "Accessions" under the county name. The table below gives the period covered by our holdings as of June 30, 1957. With the exception of Calvert County where the early records were burned, the beginning date is the terminal date for the film made for us some years ago by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It may be assumed, therefore, that in each case our records begin with the beginning of the county or with the first surviving volume.

Anne Arundel County	1851-1924
Baltimore County	1851-1922
Baltimore City Block Books	1851-1935, 1936- 1942 (incomplete)
Calvert County	1840 (partial recording to 1882)-1952
Caroline County	1851-1950
Howard County	1850-1889
Prince George's County	1851-1940
Queen Anne's County	1852-1892