

COUNTY LAND RECORDS PROJECT

During the whole of fiscal year 1963 we had for the first time the use of a full-time microfilm operator for work in the counties. The results reflect it. Garrett County, with the exception of some indexes and a fair number of retakes, was finished before the year began. The work was completed early in the year. Allegany was also well along and, in short order, it too was filed away on our shelves. We were especially happy to have these two counties done because they are farthest away and they are in the mountainous Westernmost part of Maryland making travel there expensive and seasonal. We then undertook two of the largest Eastern Shore Counties, Kent and Dorchester, and they were likewise finished before the end of the fiscal year.

At this writing we are coming to the end of the project. We shall be able to report the completion of St. Mary's, Somerset and Montgomery Counties in our report for fiscal year 1964. Baltimore City which progressed from 1905 to 1910 has still a long way to go. But this is a project of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City and therefore escapes our responsibility.

County Land Records Series Completed Prior to Fiscal Year 1963

Anne Arundel	1851-1949	
Baltimore	1851-1949	(The records in Towson begin in 1851)
Calvert	1882-1949	(Earlier records burned)
Caroline	1851-1949	
Carroll	1851-1949	
Cecil	1851-1949	
Charles	1851-1949	
Frederick	1851-1949	
Harford	1851-1949	
Howard	1851-1949	
Prince George's	1851-1949	
Queen Anne's	1851-1949	
Talbot	1851-1949	
Washington	1851-1949	
Wicomico	1851-1949	
Worcester	1851-1949	

County Land Record Series Completed in Fiscal Year 1963

Allegany	1851-1949	
Dorchester	1851-1949	
Garrett	1872-1949	(County erected in 1872)
Kent	1851-1949	

It will be recalled that land records after 1949 are microfilmed and sent to the Land Office. Land records before 1851 are at the Hall of Records in microfilm copy filmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.