

And after a thorough examination, I am clearly of the opinion, that but few of the original papers belonging to any of the burnt Land or Mortgage Records, could have been destroyed by the fire, the originals have either been delivered to the grantees, or are at present in the office, and when ever it should be necessary, I believe that more than nine-tenths of the originals which have been delivered to the grantees, can be collected for the purpose of re-recording.

There are a large number of papers in the office belonging to the Chattel Records; but many of those are partially burnt but these Records, as a general thing can be made out.

All of the original Chancery papers which have been recorded in the Judicial Records are safe; the Equity Dockets are also safe.

The original dockets, the Clerk's Trial Dockets, and all the settled papers belonging to the three burnt Civil Dockets are safe.

The foregoing facts clearly demonstrate that from the Records, Dockets, and Papers, present in the possession of the Clerk, and what can be collected from the owners of original papers, all the burnt Records, Dockets, &c., can be restored.

In my opinion the following Records, Dockets, should be re-recorded or transcribed.

Land Records, H. M. F., No. 9, No. 12, No. 15, No. 17, No. 18, No. 19, No. 20, and G. H. C., No. 21, should be entirely re-recorded. H. M. F., No. 11, should be rebound, and a small portion of it re-recorded. H. M. F., No. 16, a little over one-third of this book should be re-recorded.

Mortgage Records. H. M. F., No. 1, No. 2, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, and G. H. C., No. 14, should be entirely re-recorded. H. M. F., No. 4, should be re-indexed and rebound. H. M. F., No. 9, one-half should be re-recorded and a portion of the balance could be interlined. About one-half of each book of G. H. C., No. 12, No. 13 and No. 15, should be re-recorded.

Mortgage Index, H. M. F., should be re-made up.

Chattel Records. H. M. F., No. 1, about two-thirds of this book should be re-recorded. H. M. F., No. 2, the burnt part of this book could be interlined. G. H. C., No. 4, should be entirely re-recorded.

Judicial Records. H. M. F., No. 2, No. 4, and G. H. C., No. 8 and No. 9, should be entirely re-recorded. H. M. F., No. 6, one-half should be re-recorded, the balance could be interlined.