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period 1789-1840 that are part of NARS. The project was originally suggested and initiated by Irwin S. Rhodes and Savioe Lottinville, codirectors of the Irwin S. and Elizabeth F. Rhodes Legal History Collection of the University of Oklahoma, and is the result of joint planning with NARS. The selection of records to be micro-filmed and the establishment of priorities for microfilming the records are based largely on Mr. Rhodes' comprehensive survey and report of extant Federal court records, 1789-1840. This report, with modifications, has been issued by NARS as Special List No. 31, *List of Pre-1840 Federal District and Circuit Court Records*. It is available from the Publications Sales Branch (NATS), National Archives (GSA), Washington, DC 20408. The list serves as a guide to Federal court records in several NARS depositories. This microfilm publication has been continued beyond 1840 to include all of the minutes of the court at the request of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

The primary purposes of this microfilm publication are to provide access to Federal court records for scholarly research and to promote the undertaking of such research. Inquiries and advice regarding the development of research projects are invited.

These introductory remarks were written by John Saunders.