

Perhaps the most time-consuming effort which we made during the year was a complete rearrangement of our probate cards. Our probate indexes began with an index to the materials of the Commissary General. In time, we added cards for the records of the Deputy Commissaries of the various counties as they were brought to us; and, finally, we also indexed the records of the Registers of Wills. We had kept the cards for the county records separate from the cards for the records of the Commissary General, whether they were creations of the Deputy Commissary or the Register of Wills. This led to a good deal of confusion because probate records of the same date were indexed in two different series. We have now put in one series all indexes of probate materials created before 1777 and in another all those created after that date. We are hopeful that the investment in tedious work will prove to have been justified.

A full list of aids to research added in the course of the year follows:

Printed

Twelfth Annual Report of the Archivist of the Hall of Records for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1946 through June 30, 1947. As a finding aid the annual reports are especially useful for the sections devoted to Accessions.

Calendar of Maryland State Papers, No. 3 The Brown Books. This Calendar, with its all-name index should be extremely useful in opening to students the fine collection of Revolutionary and Federal papers in this collection of the Rainbow Series.

Maryland Manual 1948-49. The *Manual* is the official Maryland directory and compilation of historical and other useful information about Maryland. It is normally published every biennium by the office of the Secretary of State; it was thoroughly revised by the Hall of Records at the request of the Governor and with the approval of the Hall of Records Commission.

Original Manuscript

Index to Worcester County Deeds, 1742-1844 (two volumes).

Typewritten Cards

Commissary General, Index to Testamentary Papers, 1659-1777.
Baltimore County, Marriage Index, 1777-1851.