

thought, the sense of participating in history as it was being made ... I never took the train from Washington - my eyes aching from the tiny print, my clothes covered with dust, my right arm stiff to the shoulder from taking notes - that I didn't feel the high excitement of having been able to live for a while in another day.

Not all of the material for this History of Printing in Maryland came from newspapers. There were a few manuscript sources, notably the Hayes family Bible records and the Hayes contracts, the archives of the Marine Corps which detailed Philip Edwards' short and tragic military career, the monumental fifty-seven volume Memoranda of the Annals of Talbot County, Maryland which proved to be a valuable source for James Cowan and Thomas Perrin Smith of Easton, and the land records, wills and inventories of the various counties, preserved in court houses. John Gruber of Hagerstown has been the subject of several periodical articles, and deservedly so, for he founded in 1796 an almanac which is still flourishing today (1944) and which is the next to the oldest almanac in the United States. Samuel Sower, a member of the famous family of Germantown printers, figures prominently in William McCulloch's "Additions to Thomas' History of Printing," and in an address by Oswald Seidensticker before the Society for the History of the Germans of Maryland, a synopsis of which is printed in the third volume of the Proceedings of that society. Several other printers are mentioned