

The Director of the Maryland State Library persented us with fifteen reels of scattered issues of the Morning Sun and a run of the Maryland Gazette from 1745 to 1839 in Xidex copies. The publication program of the Hall of Records Commission continued as usual; the Maryland Manual appeared in February 1972 (1971-1972 edition). The Archivist compiled and edited a new history of Maryland, The Old Line State, he published his annual report which has a name change to Highlights of 1972. He also published "Captain Gordon of the Constellation" in the winter edition, 1972 of the Maryland Historical Magazine.

The repair room was again plagued with absenteeism. The record of laminating documents was fairly good, but binding books showed a trend downward. However, the problem of rebinding manuscripts is a difficult one. We sent a volume of the Ledgers of the Treasurer of the Western Shore to be rebound at the Library of Congress, which we had agreed to do when the Ledgers were deposited with us, and it is almost two years since it has been there and it is not done yet!

The work of the photographic department was excellent both in quantity and in quality which gives us great satisfaction because most of the additions of Church Records is by film.

The work of the summer indexing project was also satisfactory. Three counties remained to be done for the 1783 assessments of Maryland: Calvert, Caroline and Somerset. The assessment was completed during the first three weeks of the project. The rest of the project was devoted to calendaring papers of the revolutionary period in our uncalendared executive papers.

Two volunteer workers, Mrs. Irvin C. Brown and Mrs. Louise Joyner Hienton, continued their much appreciated work throughout the year. They indexed the Marriage Records of Prince George's County 1776 as well as the Register of St. Paul's Baden, Protestant Episcopal Church, also in Prince George's County. Had we many more such competent volunteer workers our efforts to create finding aids to many of our records would be enormously expedited.