

is required, however, that all records, which are in the Court Houses of the State and which were created prior to April 28, 1788, the date of ratification of the United States Constitution by the State of Maryland, be deposited at the Hall of Records (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 41, sec. 126A). The transfer of these records is now in process. In addition to these records the agency has in its custody the non-current records of many state agencies.

While the Board of Public Works has power over the disposition of non-current records, all such records must first be offered to the Hall of Records, and then, should the Archivist decline such records, permission to destroy the same may be sought from the Board of Public Works.

The Hall of Records is authorized to reproduce upon request the records of any agency of the State Government, as well as the land records of any Courts of the State upon the request of the Court (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 41, secs. 127, 127A).

The Hall of Records also maintains a library of official publications of the various State agencies, and all state agencies are required to deposit one copy of each official publication with the Hall of Records (Code 1947 Supp. Art. 41, sec. 103).

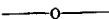
As an adjunct to the Hall of Records Commission, the Board of Public Works created in February, 1948, a Department of Information for the purpose of providing a central agency for the dissemination of information about Maryland. The Hall of Records is further responsible for the editing and preparation of the MARYLAND MANUAL for the biennium 1948-1949.

Publications: *Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Reports of the Archivist of the Hall of Records*, 1946, 1947.

Land Office and Perogative Court Records of Colonial Maryland, Annapolis, 1946.

Calendar of Maryland State Papers No. 2 The Bank Stock Papers, Annapolis, 1947.

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Appropriations	\$35,850	\$36,411
Staff: 12		



DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION

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The Department of Information was established as a division of the Hall of Records Commission by the Board of Public Works February 17, 1948. It began to function in March, 1948. The Department, a central agency for the dissemination of information concerning the State, is charged with collecting and assembling data about Maryland. It makes available to the general public by means of maps, photographs, pamphlets, and press releases information obtained from various state agencies, federal agencies and private sources.

Publications: *Maryland's Resorts and Vacation Areas*, 1948.

Maryland's State Government (mimeographed), 1948.

Special Events in Maryland (bi-monthly, mimeographed).

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Appropriations:		
By the Board of Public Works.....	\$11,000	\$11,000

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