

Libraries holding items known to exist in 1-3 copies only		Libraries holding most items known only in <u>single</u> copies	
Total such items		424	
MdH1	135	MdBFr	10
MWA	109	RFB	10
DLC	78	CSmH	8
MdBE	35	MdBS	8
MdBP	22	ViRU	8
MdBPM	17	NNFM	7
NN	17	CtY	5
Garrett	16	ICU	5
PH1	15	NH1	5
MH	13	PPL-R	5
MdBD	12	PU	5
	Balt Cath		5
	76 other libraries		
	hold 1-4 titles each		

A glance at these statistics reveals four striking factors:

1. the wide distribution of copies (44 states);
2. the large proportion of items existing in three copies or less (over 50%);
3. the wide distribution of such items (89 libraries hold at least one item known in three copies or less);
4. the pre-eminence of the American Antiquarian Society and the Library of Congress for research on Maryland imprints beyond the boundaries of Maryland.