

never kept. The arrangement is so incredible that a Calendar which followed the present arrangement would look like a chronological jigsaw puzzle. Photostat Calendar, 380 pages; typed Calendar 125 pages.

Oaths of Fidelity in the Hall of Records collection: Card index giving name of juror, date, place and reference, 15,000 cards.

Census of 1776: Card index to original census returns in the collection at the Hall, 14,300 cards.

Colonial Wars: Card Index to the military records for the colonial wars in the Hall, giving name, date, place and reference. 2,000 cards.

Revolutionary Papers: Card index completed for two-thirds of this collection, giving name, date, place and the action described in the record. 3,200 cards.

Anne Arundel County Marriage References: Card index by male and female, giving date of license, place, and reference. 13,000 cards.

Naturalizations: Card index to naturalizations in the Provincial Court, in Bacon's Laws and in the General Court of the Eastern Shore 1796 to 1816, giving name, date and reference. 3,000 cards.

In addition to the preparation of new indexes a good deal of work was done with cards which had previously been prepared.

During the first four years of the Hall all name index cards, with the exception of the Marriage references, were placed in one file. The Archivist felt that with the addition of any large number of cards this type of general index becomes too complicated. Such a general index is especially difficult for the earlier periods since there are the problems of multiple spellings of one name, of family names lacking Christian names and of the striking repetition of the same names. Since the major index holdings were of testamentary materials it was decided to separate these from the others but to add to them in turn any new cards for this type of material. The remaining cards were divided into Anne Arundel County materials and Provincial Court materials. All of the new card indexes mentioned above have been kept separate as well. Perhaps when the accumulation of cards is greater, other convenient large divisions may suggest themselves, for example, judicial, military, revolutionary, etc.

To the Testamentary Reference index there were added the following cards which had been prepared from volume indexes during the last months of 1938-1939, but had not been made available to the public:

1. Inventories and Accounts 1674-1718: Card index transcribed from volume index. 12,000 cards.
2. Original Wills 1666-1777: Card index transcribed from volume index, 1,500 cards.