

3. Balance and Final Distribution 1751-1777: Card index transcribed from volume index, 6,500 cards.
4. Inventories 1718-1777: Card index transcribed from volume index, 18,000 cards.
5. Testamentary Proceedings 1657-1777: Card index in preparation. Five of the nineteen volumes of this index have been transcribed and the cards placed in the files.

These card indexes are obvious improvements over the volume indexes especially where the volume indexes are divided chronologically, for example in the Testamentary Proceedings one volume of the index may cover no more than two or three years of the records so that a researcher who does not know the exact date may be put to considerable pains to find a reference. Perhaps these improved indexes are not so immediately necessary as some other types of work; however, this is the type of work that the young typists of the National Youth Administration can do well and it has been thought wise to get this work done while the labor was available.

6. Marriage References: The Hodges marriage reference files were entirely overhauled. Whenever corrections had been made and new cards inserted these new cards were withdrawn and the old index reestablished. In addition some 15,000 cards with references to the Chancery Papers, now being rearranged and reindexed by the Land Office, which had been withdrawn four years ago were replaced. All additions and corrections made by the Hall of Records have been placed in a separate file.

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1. Guide to the Index Holdings at the Hall of Records, February 1940 (revised November 1940).
2. Guide to Church Record Holdings, St. Anne's Parish Records, March 1940.
3. Guide to Gift and Deposit Holdings: (1) Allen Papers, April 1940, (2) Gist Papers, September 1940.

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In order to facilitate the use of the Gist papers a manuscript history of the Gist family compiled by Mrs. Branford Gist Lynch was copied for the Hall of Records. One copy was given to Mrs. Lynch and another to the Maryland Historical Society.

In the course of the next year it is hoped to complete the index to Revolutionary records now in progress, to complete the index to