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Postal inquiries about Marylandiana which required a letter in reply number 667 which marked a large increase over last year when the figure was 403 and a small increase over the last full year, the fiscal year 1941- 1942 when the total number of such letters sent out was 657. While most of these letters could be answered from the evidence of our own records for which we have prepared indexes, many others required a good deal of research on the part of one or more members of the staff. Where our manuscript records, and our small library of printed books fail, the correspondent is always referred to other sources from which he might get the information which he desires. In the case of Maryland records we keep on file accurate lists of records in all of the depositories of the State and we refer the reader to the present custodian. In any case, no letter remains unanswered. An effort is made to reply on the day that the letter of inquiry is received, and in the case of requests for photostatic copies, the order is always filled within twenty-four hours. We do not feel at all that we are imposed upon when we are called on for materials not to be found in our own archives, rather we are glad to serve the State of Maryland in as wide a field as our equipment, talent and time will permit.

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Eighth Annual Report of the Archivist of the Hall of Records, State of Maryland, for the fiscal year October 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943. The Annual Reports contain lists of accessions for the year and descriptions of newly added finding media.

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Testamentary Proceedings. Although this index was opened during the last fiscal year the checking is still going on. During this year six thousand cards were inserted or edited to add new names or additional information. This work will continue.