

mond *Times-Dispatch*, October 10, 1948. He reviewed for the *Maryland Historical Magazine* (XLIII, 319) *Travels in the Confederate States* by E. Merton Coulter and for the *Virginia Magazine of History and Geography* (LVII, 194) *The Maryland Germans* by Dieter Cunz.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The Archivist continued to serve on the Committee on Archival Buildings and Equipment of the Society of American Archivists, and Mr. Skordas again held the position of Technical Editor of the *American Archivist*. The Archivist spoke to the College Women's Club of Annapolis on "Annapolis before 1695" and on a similar subject to the Daughters of Colonial Wars in Baltimore. The Hall of Records prepared for the City of Hagerstown a suitable exhibit on the occasion of the visit to that place of the Freedom Train. We also assisted the City of Oakland in preparing for its Centennial, and the Archivist is now engaged in preparing a history of the Old Treasury Building to assist the architect and builder in its restoration.

CIRCULATION

The number of visitors to the Hall of Records during the fiscal year who actually used records—those who came as tourists or to visit special exhibits are not counted—increased by a large margin over the previous year as the table below will indicate. The fiscal year 1949 brought the largest number of working visitors in our history: there were many more counted during the first four years of the Hall of Records, but during those years no distinction was made between researchers and tourists. It is perhaps too early to predict that the slump in research during the war and immediate post-war years is over, but we must hope so. Every archival establishment has felt the frustration of having gathered together and made available so many records unknown to earlier generations of scholars in American History only to find them neglected.

The largest number of visitors came, as usual, from Maryland. The next most numerous were as follows: District of Columbia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. There were twenty-four states, the District of Columbia and one foreign country represented.

Number of Visitors Fiscal Year 1947.....	1,023
Number of Visitors Fiscal Year 1948.....	995
Number of Visitors Fiscal Year 1949.....	1,308

The number of documents circulated during the year showed a proportionate increase. The table below gives the exact number as well as