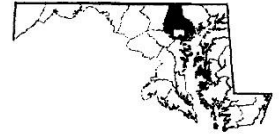


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The Maryland State Archives search room:

- Documents from the MSA computer may be printed to the MSA printer for \$1.00 per page. The \$1 fee only applies to self-service copies made in person from the scans available on the Search Room computers when the Archives is open.
- Another option is to download the document and send the file to your email address. This must be done at MSA search room.
- Another option is to have MSA staff scan the original document and send a printed copy via US mail or send link for a pdf file via email. The file will be available for download for a limited time. Printing and scanning fees will be provided by the archives staff.
- Cameras may be used, **without flash**, to record documents for personal, non-commercial use. Documents may only be photographed while lying horizontally on a desk, table, or the provided copy stand, or supported at an angle on a book cradle. Tripods may be used with the approval of a reference archivist. Patrons may not stand on chairs or other furniture when performing copy photography.
- A scanner is also available in the search room for patron use.

Ask the Archivist when in the search room for assistance. Sometimes you can access records from your personal computer off site. Many times, you can only access records just in the search room using their computer. Plus, some records are only in their original format and have not been scanned by MSA. One will need to have staff retrieve the document from the back room stacks or off site.

Request an appointment so that their staff can best assist you. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Benefits include: no wait time for help or for a workspace, ability to quickly ask an Archivist any questions, and most importantly a guarantee that your record will be on site. Visitors may also walk-in without an appointment.

These above guides are subject to the Maryland State Archives rules and policies.

(2) Updated Maryland State Archive Rules by Donna Carter

A recent visit to the Maryland State Archives post-covid revealed some new and unexpected rules for research within the building. I wanted to share these with you so you will be better prepared than I was as I am still much a paper, binder, notepad person. While some rules are familiar, others have had to be put into practice due to document, record and item thefts.

Prohibited:

- Books, binders, folders, bound notepads larger than a steno pad
- All bags, including purses, laptop cases, backpacks and tote bags
- Scanners, hand-held or feed-through
- Food or drink (may be consumed in the lobby area)

Allowed:

- Pencils
- Loose papers
- Clipboards
- Mini notepads
- Laptops, without case
- Cell phones (silenced)
- Cameras, tripods

You can certainly keep the prohibited items in the provided lockers. Also, as of this writing, the paper copy accounting system MSA used to have prior to covid is not being utilized. You can still print copies from the shared computers in the research room, but payment is currently on the honor system.

Happy researching!

(3) Alternate Record Group for Baltimore City Births by Barb Henry

If you have searched earlier Baltimore City birth certificates at the Maryland State Archives, you may have encountered "chunks" of missing certificates.

I first encountered this when searching for the birth certificate of my great-grandmother Ruth Augusta Henry.

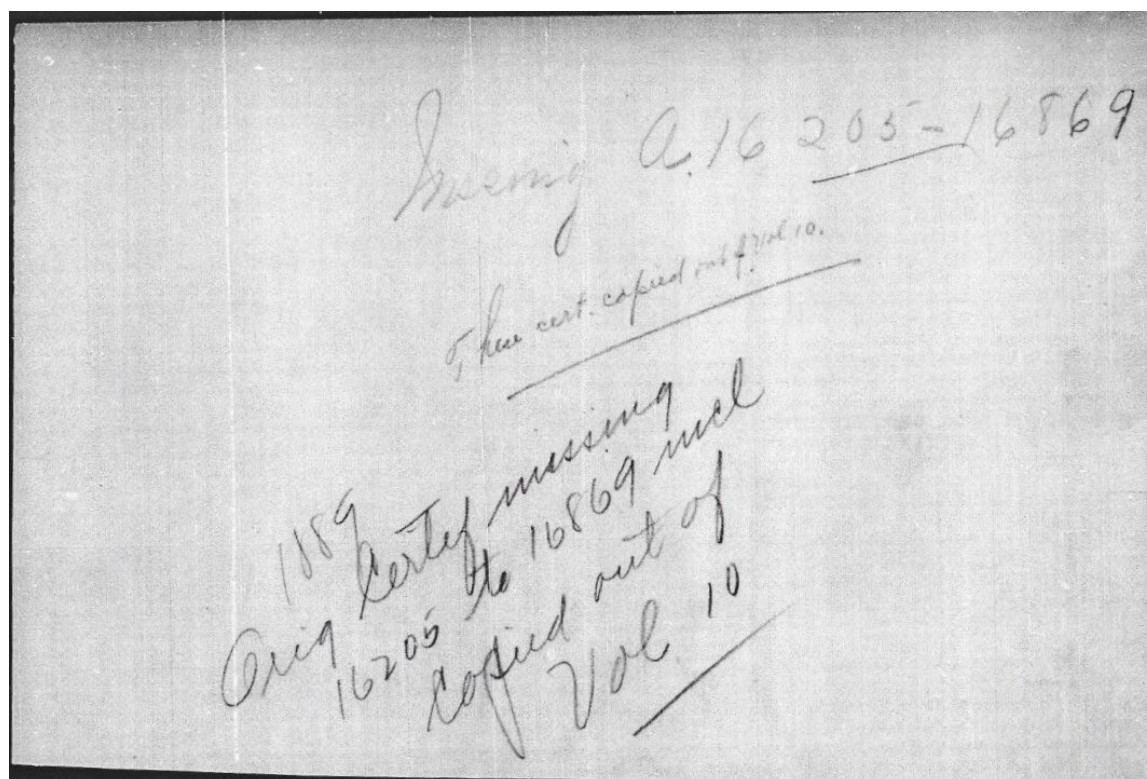
I quickly found her in the Baltimore City Birth Index in file CM1134-5:

Hergenheimer, John & Maria	Nov. 17th	A-16563
Herman, Conrad & Lizzie	Nov. 27th	A-16755
Henry, Charles & Charlotte	Nov. 29th	A-16787
Heckrote, Harry & Emma	Nov. 30th	A-18105
Heltzel, William & Elizabeth	Dec. 3rd	A-16902

On my next trip to the Archives I opened CM1135-35 to find her certificate. To my disappointment, instead of finding her birth certificate I found this:

665 certificates were missing, including the certificates for my grandmother and 2 of her cousins. Disappointing to say the least. After pulling some certificates in other date ranges I decided to use the search page to see if there were any Baltimore City Health Department records I wasn't aware of.

The first result in my search was record group C3352, Birth Register.



Search Terms

Jurisdiction	BALTIMORE CITY	▼			
Series ID			Date		
Agency	Health department		Series Name		
Record Type	Any		Form of Record	Any	
Search Clear					

20 results found.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

BALTIMORE CITY

[HEALTH DEPARTMENT \(Birth Register\) C3352, 1876-1890 \[Paper\]](#)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

BALTIMORE CITY

[HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS \(Birth Record\) C6, 1884-1924 \[Paper\]](#)

[HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS \(Birth Record\) CM1135, 1875-1972 \[Microfilm\]](#)

Going to the page for C3352 (<http://guide.msa.maryland.gov/pages/series.aspx?id=C3352>), the Birth Registers cover the years 1876-1890.

	Date	Description	Location	MSA Citation
Details	1876-1878	vol. 2, certificate nos. 12321-24570	00/30/03/073	C3352-1
Details	1878-1880	vol. 3, certificate nos. 24571-36890	00/30/03/074	C3352-2
Details	1880-1881	vol. 4, certificate nos. 36891-49210	00/30/03/075	C3352-3
Details	1881-1883	vol. 5, certificate nos. 49211-61530	00/30/03/076	C3352-4
Details	1883-1884	vol. 6, certificate nos. 61531-73850 (p. 1A missing, resulting in an incomplete record for the first 35 entries.)	00/30/03/077	C3352-5
Details	1884-1886	vol. 7, certificate nos. 73851-86135	00/30/03/078	C3352-6
Details	1886-1887	vol. 8, certificate nos. 86136-98490 (p. 1A missing, resulting in an incomplete record for the first 35 entries.)	00/30/03/079	C3352-7
Details	1887-1889	vol. 9, certificate nos. 98491-10745	00/30/03/080	C3352-8
Details	1889-1890	vol. 10, certificate nos. 10746-23030	00/30/03/081	C3352-9

I filled out a pull slip for C3352-9, the register that my great grandmother would be in and I was delighted to see that she was listed in the register.

The Birth Registers are in the original format (large ledger size books). Each entry in the Register spans 2 pages and includes most of the same information found on the actual certificates including:

Certificate number, Date of birth, Names of father and mother, Nativity of father and mother, Sex and Race, Number of child by mother, Address of birth, Maiden name of mother, Name of physician or midwife, Recording date

Although these registers span only 15 years, I use them often, not only to find entries where no certificate exists, but also to clarify illegible handwriting on certificates.

(4) Debt Records Reference Maryland State Archives by Ken Zimmerman

Series Information

MARYLAND INDEXES (Debt Book, Index)1733-1775 S1430

Series Description

Card index to landowners listed in debt books as being responsible for paying the annual quit rent due Lord Baltimore. Identified as Index 58. Includes the Eastern Shore counties for 1733-1775 and the Western Shore counties for 1753-1774. Entries give names of landowner and tract(s), county, year abbreviated to last two digits, and page number. Arranged alphabetically by county and then by name. Provides references to LAND OFFICE Debt book series [MSA S12 and SM124].

Series Information

LAND OFFICE (Debt Book)1733-1775 S12

Series Description

Proprietary records that list persons owning land and owing annual quit rents to Lord Baltimore. Entries include owner's name, tract name, and amount of rent paid. Contains some photostatic copies. Indexed by the MARYLAND INDEXES Debt Book, Index series [MSA S1430] and Debt Book, Index series [MSA S14]. Volumes arranged by county. Described in: Land Office and Prerogative Court Records of Colonial Maryland, (Annapolis: Hall of Records Commission, 1946), pp. 33-44. For 1733-1774 also available on microfilm, [MSA SM124], 3 reels. Debt Books for Frederick County, 1764-1765, are found in the following Scarf Collection box: MSA S1005-145.

Series Information

LAND OFFICE (Debt Book) 1753-1774 SM124

Series Description

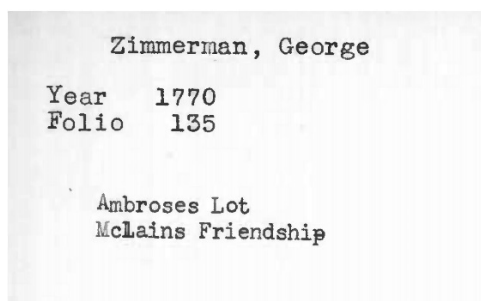
There is no description for this series.

- View Images Individually - Available on the Archives' searchroom computers

Maryland Debt Book Index 1733-1775

Posted on August 7, 2018 by [MDHM](#)

Card Index 58 (Maryland Debt Book Index) is a alphabetical listing of persons responsible for paying property taxes to Lord Baltimore prior to the Revolutionary War. The cards also provide the name of the tract along with the year taxes were paid. Taxes covered from March of one year to the following March.



Land Office and Prerogative Court Records of Colonial Maryland [Volume 415](#), Page 40 [Archives of Maryland, Volume 0415, Page 0040 - Land Office and Prerogative Court Records of Colonial Maryland](#)

The Debt Book series, as has been pointed out, goes back to 1733 for the Eastern Shore counties. Western Shore debt books in the Land Office series begin in 1753, but debt books for the year 1750 are to be found in the Calvert Papers for five Western Shore counties. Each debt book, in its present make-up, consists of from two to eight small volumes bound together into one. This series appears to have been very imperfectly preserved. Over a third of the small annual volumes are missing, mostly in Eastern Shore counties. Only for Charles and St. Mary's counties has the whole series been pre-served completely, and since these are both Western Shore counties that means they only date from 1753. Like the rent rolls the debt books were made out in duplicate.

Apropos of the missing debt books and rent rolls mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs, it would seem that the Land Office in the colonial period had a great many more books and papers relating to quit rents which are no longer to be found. This is primarily due, no doubt, to the fact that they were private revenue papers of the Proprietor rather than public records, and secondarily, to the fact that they were for the most part papers rather than volumes.

"A List of Books and Papers Relating to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary s Rent Rolls of the Eastern Shore, received from Col. Edward Tilghman Nov. 13. 1756"⁶² enumerates in addition to rent rolls and debt books, a great number of alienation lists, lists of devises, observations and queries about land, accounts, instructions, abstracts of land records, lists of resurveys, escheats, insolvencies, disclaimers and arrears. With the exception of the debt books and rent rolls and a small collection of papers at the Maryland Hall of Records, these have not been preserved by the Land Office.

⁶² A miscellaneous volume at the Hall of Records.

Genealogical.com Publications

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Baltimore County.
Volume I Calvert Papers, 1750: Liber 5: 1754, 1755, 1756\

Author: Skinner, Vernon L., Jr. Publication Date: 2019 Pages: iv + 400 pp.
ISBN: 9780806358970

Description The Provincial Land Office of Maryland was responsible for the dispensing of land from 1634 to 1777. Land was initially acquired by a warrant and was then patented. Information concerning these documents is found in the Warrants and Patents series of the Provincial Land Office.

Following the weakening of Maryland's Lord Proprietor's hold on land affairs during the period 1689 to 1715, his proprietary rights were restored. The Proprietor's Rent Rolls and the Debt Books were the means by which he kept track of the yearly rents he was entitled to. The Debt Books, in particular, consist of a list of persons owning land with the names and rents of each tract that he or she owned. The surviving Debt Books are arranged by county, by year, and then by the name of the person paying the rent.

Since 2013 distinguished Maryland genealogist Vernon L. Skinner has painstakingly abstracted the contents of all extant Debt Books, county by county. This volume is the first of five volumes pertaining to Baltimore County. It spans the period 1750-1756, with breaks for 1751-1753. Skinner presents the contents of the Debt Books in tabular form: liber and folio citation, with any pertinent date; name of the person paying the taxes; and name of the tract of land and amount of acreage.

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Baltimore County.
Volume II Liber 5: 1757; Liber 6: 1758, 1759, 1760

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Baltimore County.
Volume III Liber 6: 1761; Liber 7: 1762, 1763, 1764

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Baltimore County.
Volume IV Liber 7: 1765; Liber 8: 1766, 1768

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Baltimore County.
Volume V Liber 9: 1769, 1770, 1771

Note: Above publications are in the BCGS Library

The information in this series is presented in a tabular form:

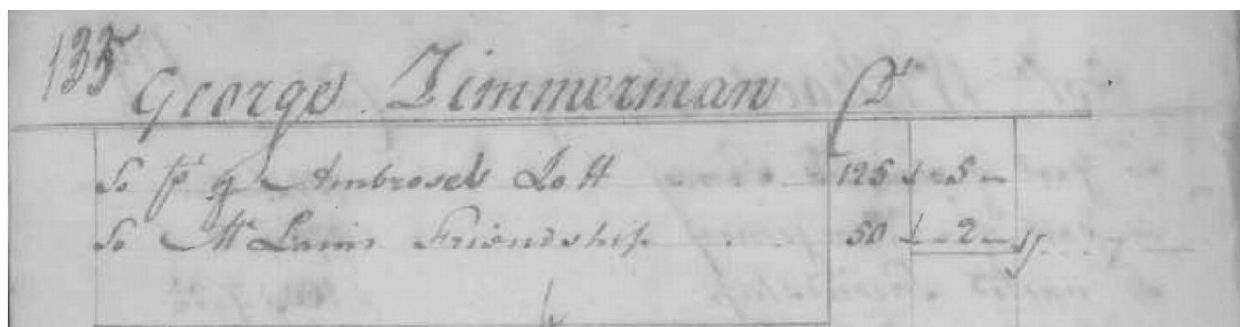
Liber and folio citation, with any pertinent date

Name of the tract of land and acreage

Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Baltimore County.
Volume V Liber 9: 1769, 1770, 1771; V.L. Skinner Jr.; Clearfield, 2019; page 250:

George Zimmerman pt "Ambrose Lot" 125 acres

"McLains Friendship" 50 acres



Source: LAND OFFICE (Debt Book) 1769-1771, Baltimore County book #9, [S12-35,36,37.38]

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2nd Tuesday of the Month 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2nd Thursday of the Month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the Month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4th Thursday of the Month 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

4th Sunday Meeting Dates 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m.