How to access wills, etc at the Maryland web site – And an example of how to go about accessing.

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I haven't seen this mentioned anywhere. Since Anne Arundel is a county that many early county probate records haven't survived, and the copies sent to the state need to be used, the Maryland State Archives now has images up of those records:

Maryland Will Books 1635-1777

<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries>

<<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=s538>> &ID=s538

Maryland Inventories and Accounts 1674-1718 <http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries>

<<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=SM13>> &ID=SM13

Maryland Inventories 1718-1777

<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries>

<<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=SM11>> &ID=SM11

Maryland Accounts 1718-1777

<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries>

<<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=SM7>> &ID=SM7

Maryland Testamentary Proceedings 1657-1777 <http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries>

<<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=SM15>> &ID=SM15

Maryland Balance Books 1651-1776

<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries>

<<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=SM9>> &ID=SM9

**AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO DO THIS:**

A Probate Index is here:

<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/stagsere/se1/se4/000000/html/index.html>

As an example, if you look up Mathew Howard for a will in Anne Arundel County, you will find this card:

<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/stagsere/se1/se4/000000/000008/html/104>

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that he has a will in Liber 2, folio 222.

Go to the will book index I sent earlier:

<http://guide.mdsa.net/series.cfm?action=viewSeries&ID=s538>

Under 1669-1707, Book 2, and links, click on "view wills".

<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/stagser/s500/s538/000000/000002/pdf/msa>

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It will open up the entire will book 2. Since image 1 is page 1, you can try image jumping to image 222, which turns out to be page 221, but gets you in the right page range. You can see his will starting on page 222.

Sometimes there are extra pages at the front or pages done twice, but you should be able to locate the page in any will book, either from the index above or if you already know it from somewhere else.

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