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Historic Records Center Update

We are pleased to announce the Historic Records Center has recently acquired a new scanner that will enhance our ability to digitize records for the better. As of August, the HRC now houses a Zeutschel OS C 1 Scanner, a large format overhead scanner that allows us to digitize numerous records we were previously unable to scan. This scanner, made entirely in Germany, can produce high resolution images with a wide array of settings to allow for maximum quality and efficiency. The most important feature, however, is its size. The scanning bed is 24in x 33in, allowing us to digitize some of our largest oversized records. For many of these large records, the only digitally available images are extremely low-quality microfiche copies.



Zeutschel OS C 1 Scanner

October Court 1822

At a Court of Oyer and Terminer continued and held for
the County of Fairfax at the Court house of the said County
the 22^d day of Oct. 1822

Justices
Richard Waleffe James Faussett *Clk.*
John C. Hunt Chas. P. Broadwater *Secy.*
John W. Custis

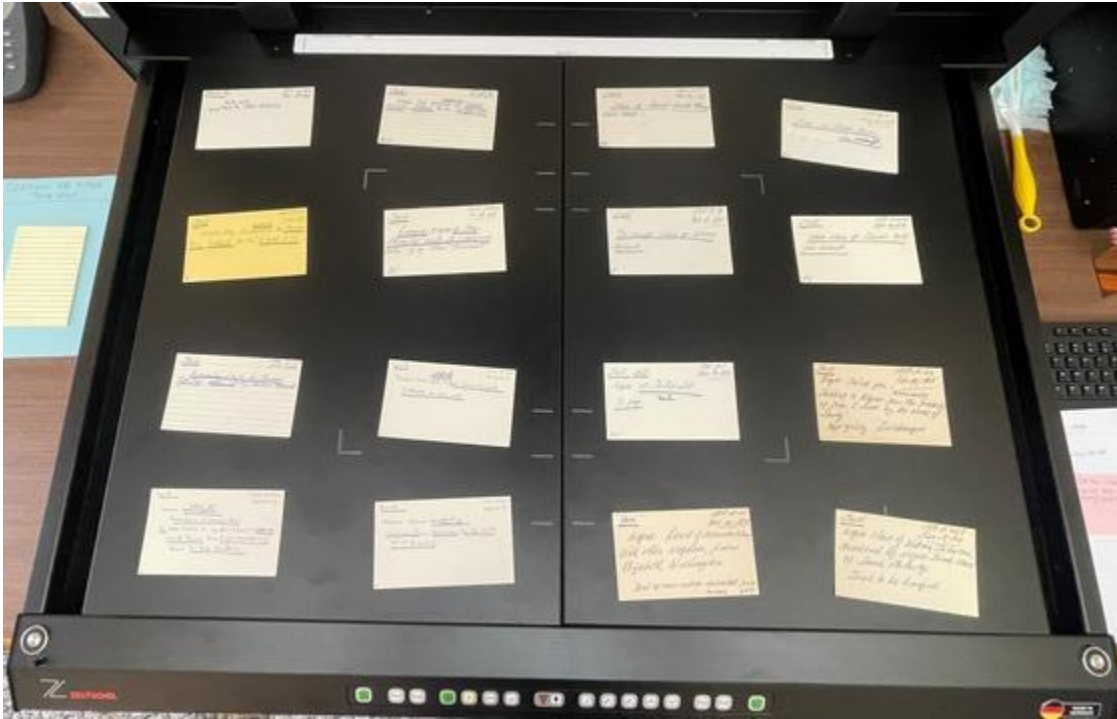
Spencer a negro man and slave the property of Mr. D

Wier who stands charged for stealing a negro man named
Demis the property of Edwards and who was remanded
back to Jail yesterday being again led to the bar in custody
of the keeper of the public Jail of this County and arraigned
pleaded not guilty Whereupon Bernard Hood was assigned
as counsellor to defend the said prisoner and the ever abmil
case being moved and examined and all circumstances rela
ting to the said charge being considered It is the unanimous
opinion of the Court that the said prisoner is guilty:
Therefore it is considered by the Court that he be burnt in the
hands in open Court and receive thirty nine lashes on his
bare back well laid on at the public whipping post and that
the Sheriff or Auditor carry this Judgment of the Court into Execution
immediately

Bernard Hood is assigned as counsellor to defend the prisoner
is allowed \$10 to be paid by the Master of said slave
Then the Court adjourned
R. Waleffe

Fairfax County
Minute Book
1822 page 133,
digital copy
currently
available

By using the accompanying Omniscan software, historic records staff will be able to scan these oversized records that we previously had to contract out for conservation and digitization. While they will still be conserved as needed, the ability to scan large records in-house will allow us to digitize them much more quickly than before. We will also be able to use this scanner to batch-scan our smaller records more efficiently, like index cards or other smaller documents.



The Omniscan software also includes a setting called Perfect Book. This feature includes 3D scanning of book pages for automatic page recognition, page splitting and cropping, and correction of page curvature when scanning bound books.

Some of our collections that we are most excited to digitize with this new scanner include our valuable tax records, minute books, deed books, and will books, all of which include oversized records that did not fit on any of our previous scanners.



Fairfax County 1921 Land Tax Book, index card for size reference

Upon installation of the scanner, Historic Records Center staff were provided with training, and we are excited to get to work using our new scanner so we can better serve researchers and make more of our records available digitally!

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