

<i>Record Sales</i>	<i>Times Circulated</i>		
	1960-61	1959-60	1958-59
Kent County Wills, Original	28	37	34
Prince George's County Inventories, Original . . .	27	24	42
Washington County Wills	27	28	34
Anne Arundel County Land Records, Abstracts . .	26	0	0
Baltimore County Administration Accounts, Original	26	18	24
Baltimore County Inventories, Original	26	24	16
House of Delegates Journals	26	2	0
Militia Appointment Book	24	17	47
Cecil County Wills	23	22	37
Kent County Inventories, Original	22	24	14
Charles County Inventories and Accounts	20	11	32

ARCHIVAL AND MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

The Hall of Records has been collecting the early records of Maryland for more than a quarter of a century. Even so, colonial records still may be found occasionally in our county courthouses. Last year a discovery was made in the attic of the Queen Anne's County Courthouse, which is being renovated. It is easy to see why this cache was not located sooner. There was no stairway to the attic; entry was made by ladder through a trapdoor located above a cupboard and barely large enough to permit the passage of a human adult.

Among the records found were three volumes of Judgments and a number of early Court Dockets and Minute Books. These filled some—though not all—of the gaps in the records of the Clerk of Court that were already in our custody. Other items included in the transfer were Assessment Books, Levy Lists, Minutes of the Commissioners of the Tax, Minutes of the Levy Court and other early records of the County Commissioners, which are invaluable for research in the administrative history of the county. While working in the county, we arranged to borrow the early Marriage License Records and Land Commissions to make microfilm copies for our own use.

The five seventeenth-century Administration Bonds deposited by the Kent County Register of Wills had somehow escaped from the main body of Bonds which were transferred some years ago. The Ledgers of the Commissioners of the Tax received from the County Commissioners of the same county provide an unusually complete record of tax assessments and tax payments, listing all property owners by district.