

portant, they record the actual fact of marriage, not the mere issuance of the license as in the earlier records. Other vital records received include Queen Anne's County Marriage Licenses, 1887-1889, Cecil County Record of Births, 1865-1891, and Worcester County Record of Births, 1865-1869, 1889.

Also notable are the Minute Books of the Montgomery County Court for the years 1779-1820, even though there are several sizable gaps in the series. They record certain administrative actions of the Court that are not entered in the Judgments, such as the appointment of sheriffs, constables, road overseers, and other county officials.

Our church records program gained impetus last year when we acquired microfilm copies of the records of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run, one of the finest collections of Quaker records in the country. Permission to microfilm this rich collection was obtained largely through the efforts and cooperation of Dr. Bliss Forbush, Presiding Clerk of the Meeting, and Mrs. LaVerne Hill Forbush, Custodian of Friends' Records.

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting traces its origin to a "General Meeting" held at West River in 1672. For over a century it included all of Maryland and Delaware. In 1790, the meetings on the Eastern Shore and those in Delaware were transferred to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and in return the Baltimore Meeting received certain meetings in Pennsylvania and Virginia. As the Quaker movement spread westward, meetings in Ohio, Indiana, and even as far west as Iowa were added. Many of these meetings have since separated and the jurisdiction of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting is now limited to the Western Shore of Maryland and adjacent areas of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The earliest surviving record begins in 1677. We have microfilmed 360 volumes out of a total of nearly 700 items listed in the catalogue of the collection. The remaining items were not considered of sufficient importance to justify filming.

Although the other church records acquired last year are not so old or so voluminous as the above collection, they represent important additions to holdings of such materials. The records of the Montebello (called "First United" until 1961) Presbyterian Church appear to be intact from 1826 when the congregation was organized.