

A long run of Judicial Records dating from 1783 to 1910 was transferred from the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City. Those dating before 1851 were created by the Baltimore County Court. Practically all of the cases recorded in these volumes involve land titles, mainly ejectment cases. The Proceedings of the Superior Court contain admissions of attorneys to practice law, naturalizations, petitions for habeas corpus, appointments of minor court officers and other business of the court. Also of interest are the several volumes of Commissions, in which are recorded the appointments of civil officers, and the Test Books, in which are entered the signatures of these officers to the oaths they are required to take in qualifying for office.

As usual, we added the records of a number of churches to our constantly growing collection, most of them on microfilm.

The lower Eastern Shore of Maryland looms large in the history of the establishment of the Presbyterian Church in America; thus, it is disappointing to have to report that the earliest records of Makemie and Manokin, both known to have been established by 1685, have been lost. We have filmed the surviving records. Those of Manokin are fairly complete after 1737. Makemie has no Church Register prior to 1936 and its Session Records which begin in 1818 are far from complete.

The records of Cecil Monthly Meeting in Kent County have been much better preserved; the register dating back to 1678 and the minutes to 1698. Fortunately they were received in time to be included in our guide to Quaker Records, called *Quaker Records in Maryland*, which is now at the printer's. It should be ready for publication by February, 1967.

Other church records acquired are more recent in origin, but many of the registers are old enough so that they may be useful to persons who are seeking evidence of birth for social security purposes.

Among the items received from private sources, one of the more interesting is a report of the commissioners appointed under the provisions of Chapter 10 of the Acts of 1829 to divide Dorchester County into eight separate election districts. It was presented to us by Mrs. Helen Mills Johnston along with several Dorchester County land records and other papers.